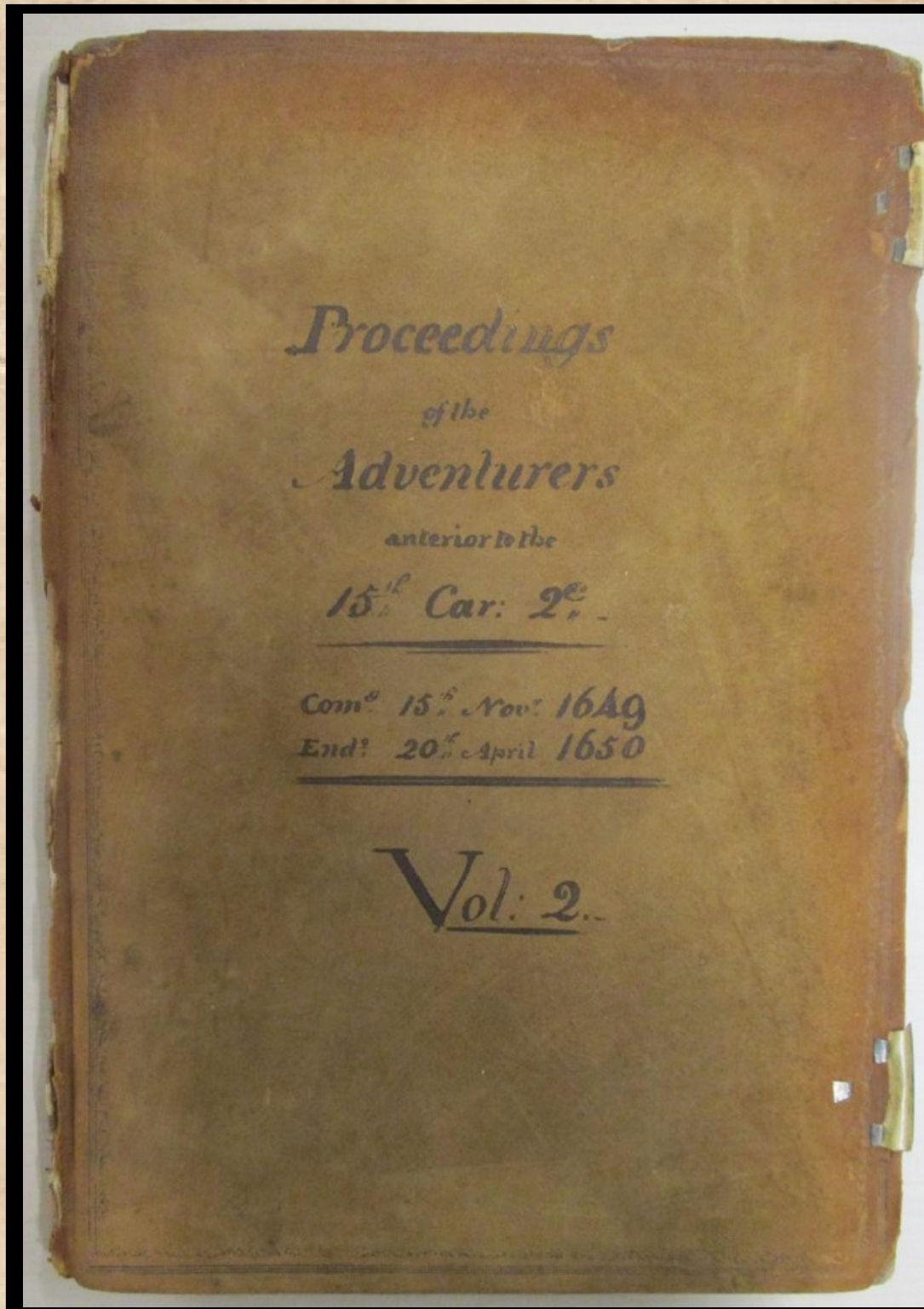


# The Adventurers: A new exploration of the archives

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# Preface

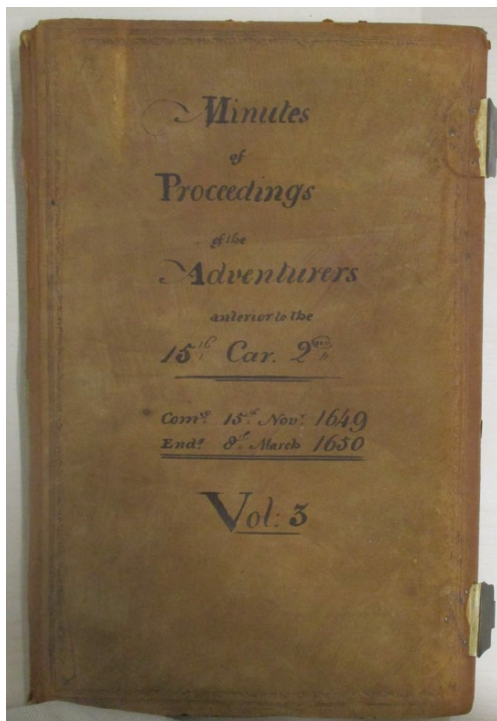
This document is a full transcription of the *Proceedings of the Adventures* for the period November 1649 to April 1650. It combines the minutes from two original documents held by the Cambridgeshire Archives in Ely (Reference: KBLC/2/1/2 and KBLC/2/1/3). The two archives mostly duplicate the minutes but additional records included in KBLC/2/1/3 are shown in italics.

The entries are ordered by date and paragraph number for each date. Where possible the original spelling has been retained except in a few cases where the meaning of the word would be hard to distinguish by a modern reader. Modern punctuation has, however, been added to make the text more readable (commas and full stops).

Entries in bold – e.g. **[Page 3]** show the original page numbers.

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Date	No	Text
15/11/49	1	<b>[Page 3]</b> Mr Gorges, Sir Miles Sandys, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Crane, Mr Hamond, Mr Castell, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Jennings, Mr Carrill, Mr Bradley, Mr Lukins, Mr Christofer Marshall, Mr Thomas Allen, Mr Browne
15/11/49	2	Ordered that such person or persons as will give most for any of the defaulters land as none are, or hereafter shall be appointed to be sold shall have assurance thereof to them and their heirs according to the Act of Parliament and ennie purchasers as touching all antient arreres which were before the passing of the Act and future charges, is to take the lands on arrere
15/11/49	3	Ordered that the sale of 500 acres parcell of 1000 acres in the third lott belonging or reputed to belong unto Sir John Culpeper knight be respited untill Monday next
15/11/49	4	Ordered that the sale of 300 acres the 7th lott belonging to Henry Dereham be respited untill Monday next
15/11/49	5	Whereas the taxes of 2s 6d per acre imposed upon 500 acres of the Adventurers lands in the third lott belonging to Sir John Culpeper knight are hitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Company and retarding of the worke of dreyning, notwithstanding severall taxes have bene from tyme to tyme byn appointed for the payment thereof and penalties sett for non payment, now forasmuch as Sir Edward Partherich knight, on his owne behalfe, and Robert Henley Esqr, on the behalfe of John Thurloe gent, have offered to give 2s 6d per acre for the purchase of the said 500 acres of Adventurer lands and to discharge all antient arreres formerly due before the passing of the Acte of Parliament for the dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes and all future taxes to bee imposed upon the same, in consideration whereof and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more money for the said 500 acres of Adventurer lands and this being a peremptory day appointed for the sale of the said lands, the Company, in pursuance of the former order of the 12th of November instant, doe by this their order sell the said 500 acres of Adventurer land to the said Sir Edward Partherich and John Thurloe to be equally and indifferently divided between them by Colonell Robert Castell and John Latch Esqr and lotts to be cast for the same by the said Sir Edward Partherich and John Thurloe, their heires or assigned to have and to hold to him, the said Sir Edward Partherich his heires and assigned, 250 acres parcell of the said 500 acres of Adventurer lands paying forthwith unto the said Robert Henley treasurer for the use of the Company 2s 6d for every acre thereof and discharging all antient arreres formerly due <b>[Page 4]</b> before the passing of the said Act of Parliament and all future taxes to be due for the same and to have and to hold unto the said John Thurloe, his heires and assigned, 250 acres residue of the said 500 acres of Adventurer lands, paying forthwith unto the said treasurer for the use of the Company 2s 6d for evrie acre thereof and discharging all antient arreres formerly due before the passing of the said Act and all future taxes to be due for the same and it is agreed that noe benefitt or survivorshipp shall be had or taken by the said Sir Edward Partherich and John Thurloe or either of them, their heires or assigned in respect of this order of sale. And it is hereby ordered that the said 500 acres of Adventurers lands shall be assured to the said Sir Edward Partherich and John Thurloe, their heirs and assigned according toe the intent of this order, in such manner as in and by the said Act of Parliament for dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes in limitted and appointed.
15/11/49	6	Whereas the taxes of 2s 6d are imposed upon 370 acres of the Adventurers lands in the seveanth lott and claymed by John Hewett Esqr as assignee of Sir Rober Bevill deceased

are hitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Company and retarding of the worke of dreyning, notwithstanding severall taxes have bene from tyme to tyme appointed for the payment thereof and penalties sett for non payment, now forasmuch as Robert Henley Esqr on behalfe of John Thurloe and John Maynston gent on the behalfe of himselfe, and John Bridgeman and Thomas Allen gent have offered to give 3s 6d per acre for the purchase of the said 370 acres of Adventurer lande and to discharge all antient arreres formerly due before the passing of the Acte of Parliament for the dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes and all future taxes to bee imposed upon the same, in consideration whereof and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more money for the said 370 acres of Adventurer lands and this being a peremptory day appointed for the sale of the said lands, the Company in pursuance of the former order of the 12th of November instant doe by this their order sell the said 370 acres of Adventurer land to the said John Thurloe, John Maynston, John Bridgeman and Thomas Allen to be equally and indifferently divided between them by Colonell Robert Castell and John Latch Esqr and lotts to be cast for the same by the said John Thurloe, his heires and assigned, of the one parte and the said John Maystone, John Bridgeman and Thomas Allen, their heires or assigned of the other parte to have and to hold to them the said John Thurloe and his heirs and assigned 1850 acres parcell of the said 3700 acres of Adventure lands, paying forthwith unto Robert Henley treasurer for the use of the Company 3s 6d for evrie acre thereof and discharging all antient arreres formerly due before the passing of the Act of Parliament and all future taxes to be due for the same and to have and to hold unto the said John Maynston, John Bridgeman and Thomas Allen their heirs and assigned, 1850 acres residue of the said 3700 acres of Adventurer lands paying forthwith unto the said treasurer for the use of the Company 3s 6d for evrie acre thereof and discharging all antient arreres, formerly due for the same before the passing of the said Act and all unto by the said John Thurloe of the one parte and the said John Maynston, John Bridgeman and Thomas Allen of the other part that noe benefitt or survivorshipp shall bee had or taken by them or their heires or assigned in respect of this order of sale. And it is hereby ordered that the said 3700 acres of Adventurers lands shall be assured to the said John Thurloe, John Maystone, John Bridgeman and Thomas Allen their heirs and assigned according to the intent of this order in such manner as in and by the said Act of Parliament for dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes is limited and appointed.

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| 15/11/49 | 7 | Ordered that all or any of the Adventurers that are in arrere of their tax or taxes of 2s 6d per acre or any part thereof of their land or such a proportion thereof as will discharge this or their respective tax or taxes or such part as in arrere are appointed to be sold on Monday next betweene the howers of 2 and 4 of clocke in the afternoone. Neverthelesse, the sale of all such landes as are respited by the order of the 12th November instant are excepted out of this order. |
| 15/11/49 | 8 | <i>Ordered that noe order or orders be from henceforth entered in the booke of orders untill the same be attested under the hande of 2 of those Adventurers that were present at the making thereof. And any of the Adventurers which were present at the makeing of any order or orders are hereby authorized to attest the same</i>   |
| 19/11/49 | 1 | <b>[Page 5]</b> Mr Gorges, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Tirningham, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Castell, Mr Crane, Mr Fountayne, Mr Hamond, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Bradley, Mr Williams, Mr Lukins, Mr Browne   |
| 19/11/49 | 2 | Whereas the taxes of 2s 6d are imposed upon two thousand acres of the Adventurers lands in the nynth lott belonging to the heires or assigned of Oliver late Earle of Bullingbroke are hitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Company and retarding of the worke of dreyning, notwithstanding severall taxes have bene from tyme to tyme   |



appointed for the payment thereof and penalties imposed for non payment, now forasmuch as William Blake gent have offered to give 2s 6d per acre for the purchase of the said 1000 acres of Adventure lands and twenty poundes more towards the discharge of all old arreres due for the same before the passing of the Acte of Parliament for the dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes and all future taxes to bee imposed upon the same, in consideration whereof and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more money for the said 1000 acres of Adventurer lands and this being a peremptory day appointed for the sale of the said lands, the Company in pursuance and by vertue of the Act of Parliament doe hereby sell the said one thousand acres of Adventurer land to the said William Blake to have and to hold to him and his heirs, paying forthwith unto Robert Henley Esquire, treasurer, for the use of the Company two shillings and six pence for evrie acre of the said thousand acres and twenty poundes over towards the discharge of the said arreres, and paying all future taxes to be imposed and due for the said one thousand acres of Adventurer lands shall be assured to the said Blake and his heirs and assigned according toe the intent of this order in such manner as in and by the said Act of Parliament for dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes is limited and appointed.

- 19/11/49      3      Whereas the taxes of two shillings and six pence are imposed upon two thousand acres of the Adventurers lands in the nynth lott, belonging to the heires or assigned of Oliver late Earle of Bullingbroke, are hitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Company and retarding of the worke of dreyning, notwithstanding severall taxes have bene from tyme to tyme appointed for the payment thereof and penalties sett for non payment, now forasmuch as John Carrill Esqr have offered to give three shillings per acre for the purchase of five hundred acre parcell of the said twoe thousand acres of Adventure lands and tenne poundes more towards the discharge all old arreres for the same before the passing of the Acte of Parliament for the dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes and all future taxes to bee imposed upon the same, in consideration whereof and forasmuch as noe person or persons have offered more to give any more money for the said five hundred acres of Adventurer lands, and this being a peremptory day appointed for the sale of the said lands, the Company, in pursuance and by vertue of the Act of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said five hundred acres of Adventurer land to the said John Carrill to have and to hold to him and his heirs, paying forthwith unto Robert Henley Esquire, treasurer for the use of the Company, three shillings for every acre of the said five hundred acres and tenne poundes over towards the discharge of the said arreres and paying and discharging all future taxes to be imposed and due for the said five hundred acres of Adventurer lands, shall be assured to the said John Carrill and his heirs and assigned according toe the intent of this order in such manner as in and by the said Act of Parliament for dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes in limited and appointed.
- 19/11/49      4      Whereas the taxes of two shillings six pence per acre imposed upon two thousand acres of the Adventurer lands in the nythe lott belonging to the heires or assigned of Oliver late Earle of **[Page 6]** Bullingbroke are hitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Company and retarding of the worke of dreyning, notwithstanding severall taxes have bene fron tyme to tyme appointed for the payment thereof, and penalties sett for non payment, now forasmuch as Robert Henley Esqr, on the behalfe of John Thurloe gent, and Marrke Bradley gent, on the behalfe of George Bradley gent, have offered to give twoe shillings six pence per acre for the purchase of five hundred acres of Adventurer lands and tenne poundes more to make the discharge of all old arreres due for the same before the passing of the Acte of Parliament for the dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes and all future taxes to bee imposed upon the same, in consideration whereof and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more money for the said five hundred acres of Adventurer lands and this being a peremptory day appointed for the sale of the said lands, the Company in pursuance and by vertue of the Act of

Parliament doe hereby sell the said five hundred acres of Adventurer land to the said John Thurloe and Marrke Bradley to have and to hold to him, the said John Thurloe and his heirs and assigned, two hundred and fiftie parcell of the said five hundred acres of Adventurer lands, paying forthwith unto Robert Henley Esquire, treasurer for the use of the Company, two shillings and five pence for two hundred and fiftie acres and five poundes over towards the discharge of the said arreres and paying and discharging all future taxes to be imposed and due for the same and to have and to hold, the said George Bradley and his heirs and assigned two hundred and fiftie acre parcell of the said five hundred acres of Adventurer lands, paying forthwith unto the said treasurer for the use of the Company two shillings and five pence for two hundred and fiftie acres and five poundes over towards the discharge of the said arreres and paying and discharging all future taxes to be imposed and due for the same. And it is hereby ordered that the said five hundred acres of Adventurer lands shall be assured to the said John Thurloe and George Bradley and his heirs and assigned according to the intent of this order in such manner as in and by the said Act of Parliament for dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes is limited and appointed.

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| 22/11/49 | 1 | Earle of Bedford, Mr Gorges, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Hamond, Mr Turningham, Mr Fountayne, Mr Henley Snr, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Crane, Mr Latch, Mr Ingram, Mr Bradley, Mr Browne   |
| 22/11/49 | 2 | Mr Edward James clayming an interest on the behalfe of himselfe and his brothers to certaine Adventurer lande in the eighth lott late belonging to Dr Sames, desires the Company to respite the sale thereof untill the next meeting which is assented unto  |
| 22/11/49 | 3 | William Woodward gent, clayming the moitie of three hundred acres with John Rye gent in the eighth lott as an assignee of Dr Sames, affirmed to the Company that hee had not tymley notice of the passing of the Acte of Parliament and therefore hee desires that the penalties for non payment of his taxes may bee remitted, which the Company have assented unto in regard he is ready to dispose the same and that his said moiety was not formerly entred into the tax roll. |
| 22/11/49 | 4 | Ordered that William Palmer desire Mr Loes man, on the behalfe of the Company, to deliver for their use the paper booke of a conveyance touching the Adventurers which was drawn by Mr Loe   |
| 22/11/49 | 5 | Mr Henley is desired by the Company to assist Mr Trenchard and Mr Latham in the stating of the accounts touching the Adventurers arreres as soone as may be and it is agreed that Mr Lathams charges shall be defrayed at the Companies charge   |
| 22/11/49 | 6 | Mr Fountayne propounding to the Company that it were requisite for the Adventurers or any five of them to joyne in the sealing of such assurance as are to be made in respect of their sales of defaulters lands and for the four trustees to declare the rest accordingly which was approved of by the Company  |
| 26/11/49 | 1 | <b>[Page 7]</b> Earle of Bedford, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Tirningham, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Hamond, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Latch, Mr Williams, Mr Castell, Mr Bradley  |
| 26/11/49 | 2 | Upon motion of Smith gent on the behalfe of the sonnes of Edward Sames, deceased, whoe clayme an interest in certain Adventure lands of Dr Sames, as well by deede as by will, it is ordered that the clerke enter the said deede and the copie of Dr Sames his will, the same being attested under the registers hand of the prerogative committee  |
| 26/11/49 | 3 | Ordered that Mr Dodson shall be satisfyed the money that hee is out of purse on the Adventuruers behalfe, together with £50 due to the workmen out of the first money  |

that comes into the treasury after Mr Henley is satisfied what hee is in surplusage upon his account

- 26/11/49      4      Ordered the Mr Gorges be desired forthwith to conferre with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden that hee may bring in his finall demands to the Company on Thursday next that the busines between the Company and him may be put to a conclusion
- 26/11/49      5      Mr Henley offered that whereas the Parliament was informed that Mr Hewett was wyped of £1000 in having his land sold, if Mr Hewett would pay his £100 and the taxes, penalties and forfeitures to the Company on or before Thursday next, hee would release his bargayne to him
- 29/11/49      1      Earle of Bedford, Mr Gorges, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Hamond, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Ingram, Mr Castell, Mr Spalding, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Bradley, Mr Lukins, Mr Dodson, Mr Williams, Mr Browne, Mr Allen
- 29/11/49      3      The Company upon the perusal of assurance for the defaulters lands have resolved and declared as followeth viz -
- 1 That all the defaulters lands already sold, or hereafter to be sold, shall be assured to the purchasors by indenture and not be deede poll
- 2 That upon the sale of any defaulters lott, or any parte thereof, none of the lands unallotted shall passe by any assurance made or to be made thereof
- 3 That the defaulters lands already purchased or thereafter to be purchased are and shall be lyable to the payment of all old arreres which are charged upon the same
- 29/11/49      4      Upon debate of the differences between the Company and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, the Company have declared that in regard Sir Cornelius Vermuyden hath not entered his consent to referre the said difference to the Lord Chief Justice St John according to an order of the 27th of October last, they are at large as well as Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and noe further bound thereby
- 29/11/49      5      The Company have desired Mr Gorges, Mr Hamond, Mr Castell, Mr Henley Snr and Mr Latch or any twoe of more of them to attend the Lord Chief Justice St John touching the differences between the Company and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden
- 29/11/49      6      Ordered that Mr Ingram and Mr Lukins auditt Mr Castells accompts
- 29/11/49      7      **[Page 8]** Ordered that Fryday the seaventh of December next be appointed a day of sale of defaulters lands and all defaulters are to have notice thereof
- 29/11/49      8      Ordered that the £60 due for the wheele barrowes, together with such moneyes as are or shall be due to the workemen for removeing of the tymber, be paid out of the first moneyes that come into the treasury after Mr Henley and Mr Dodson are satisfied
- 01/12/49      1      Earle of Arundell, Earle of Bedford, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Hamond, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Tirningham, Mr Latch, Mr Ingram, Mr Carrill, Sir Cornlelius Vermuyden, Mr Marsham, Mr Jennings, Mr Dodson, Mr Lukins, Mr Williams, Mr Browne, Mr Allen
- 01/12/49      2      Ordered that the clarke or his deputy attend Mr Latham with such papers as hee shall desire, touching the accompte, which accompt hee is the audite forthwith and to state the arreres as farre as hee can

- 01/12/49      3      Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, in pursuance of a former order of the 26th of November last, delivered to the Company his finall demande in writing from which hee will not recede, which the Company have declared to be unreasonable, in regards Sir Cornelius refuseth to undertake the worke upon any certenty or to deliver any perticuler designe or to be subject to any comptroll or to be employed in the worke on these conditions
- 01/12/49      4      Mr Hamond proposeth to the Company that for £30000 a gentleman will give sanction of the dreyning of the part of the Great Levell which lyeth between Bedford River and Welland according to the Acte of Parliament.
- Whereupon the Company have ordered that Mr Hamond, Mr Marsham, and Mr Latch treat with the gentleman touching the same and to know his honest demande and the utmost caution hee will give for the performance thereof and alsoe the severall workes hee intends to make and the dimensions of them together with the tyme hee will finish them and the places where, with all other circumstance conducing to the work and report it to the Company at their meeting tomorrow at twoe of clocke in the afternoone
- 01/12/49      5      Ordered that Mr Hamond, Mr Latch and Mr Carrill or any twoe of them forthwith prepare heade for an indenture of covenant touching the payment of all arreres and the provision for the payment of future taxes and other requisites for the better doing governing and carryne on the worke and covenant on the trustees parte for executing the truste in them, reposed by the Act of Parliament to be brought to the generall meeting of the Company that soe much as they approve may be perfected by Councill and speedily as may be
- 08/12/49      1      Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Hamond, Mr Marsham, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Fountayne, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Ingram, Mr Carrill, Mr Latch, Mr Dodson, Mr Bradely, Mr Williams, Mr Lukins, Mr Browne, Mr Allen
- 08/12/49      2      Sir Edward Partherich proposeth to the Company that for £30000 to be paid at Kings Lynne, Wisbich or Peterborough by £5000 per mensem, the first payment to be made on the 10th day of January next, besides what moneys are allready disbursed and makeing use of such tymber and materialls as are already bought, hee will undertake to dreyn the north part of the Great Levell of the Fennes lying betweene Bedford river and Welland and, within one yeare next ensuing, to performe the same worke according to the Act of Parliament, fitt for judgement and hee will give caution of £4000 to performe the same to effect which hee hath delivered in his designe in writing of such worke as hee conceaves necessary, and hee is content to adde thereunto a sufficient indrayne to the northe banke of Bedford River and to make the south parte as well as the north, if the said Sir Edward Partherich be chosen director of the worke on the south side.
- 08/12/49      3      And whereas it was alledged that the worke might be made first to spare money for the undertakers proffitt, Sir Edward offers that for the consideration of £1000 hee will undertake **[Page 9]** to perfect the said worke for £30000 to be paid at surplus (accompting the moneys already disbursed since the passing of the Act of Parliament to be part thereof), and hee will deliver a just account to the Company for all the money that shall be disbursed in the said worke and restore the moneys unexpended to the Company and in case the charge of the said worke beside what is already disbursed as aforesaid shall exceede £26000 then Sir Edward Partherich is content to accept of £500 for his recompence. And if the same shall exceede £30000 beside the moneys already disbursed then hee is willing to loose his whole reward
- 08/12/49      4      Ordered that if any other man will propose or tender to the Company any other way or



designe for the dreyning of the Great Levell or any parte thereof and upon what condition hee will undertake the same, the Company will take the same into consideration

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| 08/12/49     | 5 | Mr Henley, declaring that there were severall propositions of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and others to be considered of, Sir Cornelius being present declared to the Company that hee utterly disclaymed to medle or have any thing to doe with the dreyning of the fennes and that hee came only as an Adventurer.   |
| 08/12/49     | 6 | Ordered that the clerke write to Christiane whoe keepes the sluice at Wisbich and thereby signifie that by his agreement with the Adventurers hee was to repaire the said sluice which is not done, wherefore the Company expecte that hee forthwith repaire the same and hang upp the doore that is broken downe or else they will call him speedily to accompt, hee having made a benefitt thereof by letting it.  |
| 08/12/49     | 7 | Ordered that William Crane Esqr, as to his purchase of the sixteenth lott, shall be in the same condition and have the same interest that Sir Richard Crane had theretofore  |
| 08/12/49     | 8 | Ordered that Mr Gorges, Mr Henley, Mr Latch and Mr Hamond put the proposition and estimate of Sir Edward Partherich and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and consider which may be most effectuall and advantageous to the Company tomorrow at ten of clock to report their opinions to the Company   |
| 10/12/49     | 1 | Sir Miles Sandys, Mr Hamond, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Carill, Mr Latch, Mr Lukins, Mr Dodson, Mr Alleyn, Mr Bradley, Mr Williams, Mr Browne   |
| 10/12/49     | 2 | Mr Henley offered to the Company that if Sir Cornelius Vermuyden be director of the works hee will engage 4000 acres which hee hath already and 4000 acres more which hee hath and will purchase, that Sir Cornelius shall with or under the charge of £109700 to the Company viz - £35000 for the north part of Bedford river and £76000 for the south side thereof, doe the worke according to the Act of Parliament otherwise hee will loose his 8000 acres and that the Company shall have that proportion of the defaulters landes at the same rate which hee hath already purchased it, as towards Sir Cornelius his 4000 acres recompence and that hee will before the worke be finished purchase noe much more of the defaulters land as shall make up the said proportion full 4000 acres for Sir Cornelius his recompence which the Company shall likewise have at the same rate it shall be purchased at. |
| 10/12/49     | 4 | And Sir Cornelius demands £1000 to be paid to him as was formerly resolved by the Company  |
| 10/12/49     | 5 | Mr Henley offers that if any man will propose a better bargaine and more advantageous to the Company then this that it may be accepted and taken into consideration  |
| 10/12/49     | 6 | Sir Cornelius demandes over and above the £270 per annum for one surveyour and fower overseers during the contynuance of their employment  |
| 10/12/49 p.m | 1 | Mr Gorges, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Hamond, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Marsham, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Dodson, Mr Bradley, Mr Allen, Mr Lukins, Mr Marshall, Mr Williams, Mr Browne  |
| 10/12/49 p.m | 2 | At the request of the Company, it is ordered with Mr Henley's consent that Mr Dodson shall forthwith receive the some of one hundred pounds toward the payment of the workmens arreres of Mr Mainstone, Mr Bridgemen and Mr Allen which is to be in parte of their purchase money for the moitie of Mr Drewett's Adventurer lands for which  |

10/12/49 p.m	3	Ordered that Mr Gorges, Mr Henley, Mr Latch and Mr Hamond put the proposition and estimate of Sir Edward Partherich and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and consider which may bee most effectuall and advantageous to the Companie and tomorrow at ten of the clocke to report their opinions to the Company
11/12/49	1	Sir Miles Sandys, Mr Hamond, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Carill, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Dodson, Mr Lukins, Mr Allen, Mr Bradley, Mr Williams, Mr Browne
11/12/49	2	Mr Henley offers to pay the taxes for the 8000 acres which hee proposeth to engage if Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to bee the director durring the worke and will loose both land and taxes if Sir Cornelius soe not performe the worke as hee shall undertake it
11/12/49	3	Mr Henley is content Sir Cornelius shall have his firste lott and he will accept of the 4000 acres which hee hath and it to purchase in lieu of it, soe as hee may enjoy the said 4000 acres and may receive £10000 from the Companie for the said first lott in case hee cannot enjoy the 4000 acres which hee hath already, and is to purchase as aforesaid and Mr Henley desires to be defended from such touching the same
11/12/49 p.m	1	Sir Miles Sandys, Mr Hamond, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Marsham, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Dodson, Mr Lukins, Mr Williams, Mr Browne
11/12/49 p.m	2	Mr Dodson offers to engage £1000 to make a river from the outfall at the Horse Shoe to Murroe Gate fiftie foote wide for £5300 with bankes sufficient to serve the Countrie and to require the same touching worke for seaven yeares after the same shall be made. For £200 more hee will undertake to pay for all the landes which shall be purchased for the said worke
11/12/49 p.m	3	Sir Cornelius Vermuyden offers to dreyne the south parte of the levell for that proportion of land that is to be sett out to the Adventurers as their recompence on the side of the levell.
11/12/49 p.m	4	Sir Cornelius excepts in the 4th Article exemptions of land, charges of Comissioners meeting and solicitations and officers salarries
11/12/49 p.m	5	Resolved to meete tomorrowe morning at nyne of clocke and then, or in the afternoone, to consider whoe shall be the director of the worke of dreyning and upon what termes it shall be undertaken and if the same cannot be agreed by consent then to putt it to the vote for a conclusion and nothing else to be treated on or debated untill the director be chosen
12/12/49	1	Sir Miles Sandys, Mr Hamond, Mr Henley Snr, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Carrill, Mr Dodson, Mr Bradley, Mr Williams, Mr Lukins, Mr Browne, Mr Allen
12/12/49	2	Ordered that notice be forthwith given or letter in writing at the severall habitations or lodgings of the Adventurers following desiring their meeting at twoe of clocke in the afternoone to agree upon a director or the worke viz -  The Earle of Arundell, The Lord Chief Justice St John, Sir Thomas Gardiner, Mr Gorges, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Tyinghah, Mr Latch, Mr Fountayne, Mr Jones
12/12/49 p.m	1	Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sit Thomas Gardiner, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Hamond, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Latch, Mr Ingram, Mr Carill, Mr Dodson, Mr Williams, Mr Browne, Mr Allen, Mr Lukins, Mr Bradley, Mr Gascoigne

- 12/12/49 p.m 2 Sir Cornelius Vermuyden was desired by the Company to deliver in his ultimate demands in pursuance whereof he delivered in his demands in writing with his owne hand
- 12/12/49 p.m 3 **[Page 11]** Whereupon the Company desired that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden should sett downe what worke hee would undertake to doe on the north parte of the levell and the dimensions of them and at what rates and for what reward
- 12/12/49 p.m 4 Sir Cornelius answered that hee would doe such works as shall be sufficient to make the land fitt for judgement. And as to the dimensions hee saith hee can only give it here in the generall for that there may be occasion for vary upon the place, and for the rate of that worke hee proposeth £33000 at the utmost and saith it may adventure be done for twoe or £3000 lesse yet hee refused to undertake to doe the same for £33000 and for his reward hee demanded £1000 and the proportionable parte of 4000 acres which hee formerly demanded for the whole worke which hee computed to be 2400 acres
- 12/12/49 p.m 5 In pursuance of an order made at the last meeting the Company, upon reading of the severall propositions and demands of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Sir Edward Partherich, insisted upon the choosing of the director and the question being putt whether Sir Cornelius Vermuyden or Sir Edward Partherich should be the director of the works, the major parte of the Company declared themselves for Sir Edward Partherich as followeth, perticularly
- For Sir Edward Partherich
- Sir Miles Sandys  
Sir Thomas Thyme  
Sir Thomas Gardiner  
Mr Hamond  
Mr Latch  
Mr Carrill  
Mr Dodson  
Mr Williams  
Mr Browne  
Mr Allen  
Mr Lukins  
Mr Bradley
- For Sir Cornelius Vermuyden
- Mr Henley  
Mr Ingram
- 12/12/49 p.m 6 Alsoe the Company unanimously agreed to proceed in the worke of dreyning according to the latter of the twoe propositions of Sir Edward Partherich of the 8th December instant *nomine contradicente*
- 12/12/49 p.m 7 Ordered that Colonell Castell, Mr Hamond, Mr Marsham, Mr Latch and Mr Jennings in his sted and Mr Crane, or any two of them, be desired by the Company to be constantly upon the worke to husband the same for their best advantage and that there shall be an allowance of £40 per mensem for such twoe of the Adventurers as shall be upon the place viz - £20 a peece soe long as there shall be occasion for their residence there
- 12/12/49 p.m 8 Ordered that noe order or orders made or to be made shall be at any tyme revoked by a

lesser or fewer number of Adventurers and Participants then were or shall be present at the makeing of any such order or orders, and it is hereby further ordered that noe order or orders shall at any tyme hereafter be made by the Adventurers and Participants at any other place then the usuall place of meeting unlesse it be by adjournment of the Company to another place

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| 13/12/49 | 1 | Sir Miles Sandys, Mr Hamond, Mr Henley Snr, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Dodson  |
| 13/12/49 | 2 | Ordered that the papers which Sir Cornelius Vermuyden demands from the Company be forthwith entered into the journall booke and restored to Sir Cornelius.  |
| 13/12/49 | 3 | <p><i>A copie of Sir Cornelius Vermuydens demande upon the reference to the Lord Chief Justice St John about the first of December instant as followeth.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <i>That heade lending to an agreement betweene the right honorable William Earle of Bedford and his Participants of the one parte and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden on the other parte.</i></li> <li>— <i>That Sir Cornelius Vermuyden shall have power, by vertue of this agreement, to make and erect such worke, bankes, rivers, draynes, sasses sluces and the like as hee shall thinke fitt for gayning and recovering the Levell of the Great Fennes, lyinge within the boundarees mentioned in the Act of Parliament bearring date 29 May last past, and shall from hence forward be the sole director thereof and soe remayne to be untill the adjudication of the said levell shall be obteyned.</i></li> <li>— <i>That Sir Cornelius Vermuyden for him and his heires in consideration of his indifferent directions shall have the 5th lott being Mr Henleys lott, conteyning 3900 acres and to be made up 4000 acres for which Mr Henleys is to acknowledge in this agreement to have receaved full satisfaction of the Adventurers, which said lott Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and his heirs are to enjoy save only that hee shall not alienate or passe away 2000 acres thereof untill 7 yeares after the adjudication, unless it be unto his wife or children and to remayne in him or them untill the said 7 yeares have expired under the agreement therein mentioned</i></li> <li>— <i>The said 4000 acres to be freed by the said Earle and the rest of all taxes until the adjudication of the whole and after the adjudication Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is to be contributory for repaires.</i></li> <li>— <i>But if the said worke to obtayne the adjudication shall cost 110000 poundes after the date of their agreement, provided that nothing shall be accompted as parte of £110000 but the makeing of all banke, river, dreyne, sasses, sluces and all such like worke, and all the materialls needfull thereunto, to be made and to be used to obtain the said adjudication, that then the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden shall contribute for one moity of the said 4000 acres which the rest of the Adventurers from the date of those put for the said.</i></li> <li>— <i>If Mr Henleys agreement stande, this will be said but Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is to pay his proportion from the date of these agreements, of all lande which are to be purchased for or contributing to the dreyning and hee is to have his proportionable benefitt of them. Sir Cornelius is content to pay his proportion after adjudication of the whole 95000 acres.</i></li> <li>— <i>Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is to have for his expence and attendance done and to be done, one thousand pounce in money viz - £300 ready and £33.06.08 monthley</i></li> </ul> |

*untill it be paid. This must be paid according to the former resolution of the Company viz - £300 in hand and £20 per month. And if it should happen after Sir Cornelius Vermuyden have begun the worke, hee should come to dye then his eldest sonne shall have the said 4000 acres and be director in his fathers sted and shall according to the terme meaning of their agreement, direct the whole worke of dreyning or else Sir Cornelius Vermuyden his sonne to be made now joynt director with his father.*

- *Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is to name one surveyour and 4 overseers and the Participants to pay them as is usuall.*
- *The Participants to appoint all their other officers and they, or some of them, to take the care of provideing materialls and to pay the workmen from tyme to tyme and they or one of them or some of the Participants to assist and joyne with the directors to make bargaines and sett prices for all the worke and to helpe to oversee them.*
- *And to the end the worke may not be delayed, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to be there the most parte of tyme untill the great worke bee done and the Participants to provide by such wayes as they shall thinke fitt from the present workes, and then for the yeare 1650, £33000, secondly for the years 1651, the like £33000 and for the yeare 1652 the remaynder or soe much as be needful to accomplish, if it bee possible, the whole worke in that tyme, and if the money for the going on of the worke be not provided at the tyme above that then Sir Cornelius Vermuyden shall not be bound to be contributory for a halfe parte, as aforesaid, but be freed thereof.*
- *That if Sir Cornelius Vermuden will, hee may have for £40 an acre free of all taxes, saveing repaires, after adjudication the lande of Peterborough, Crowland and Fasset amounting to 4722 acres the 4th parte of the money to be paid within 2 months next after the passing of the Bill for the 12000 acres and another 4th parte 6 months next after the said first payment, and another for the parte 6 months after the second and the last fourthe parte 6 months after the third payment and the trustees to stand trusted to convey to such as Sir Cornelius shall nominate and appointe.*
- *That the Participants doe pay the arreres due to the workmen and others which was lefte unpaid by Mr Latch in regard they have the benefitt of the worke, as alsoe that Mr Latch hath made over lande to them to discharge the same.*
- *That if any difference or thinge not conteyned in this agreement in the prosecution of the worke between the Participants and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden should happen that then the said difference shall be determined by the Lord Chief Justice St John*
- *That of these articles shall be drawne an agreement in due forme to be executed by all parties concerned.*

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*The copie of an estimate of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden delivered to the Company the 12th of December 1649.*

*An estimate of the charges for the workes needfull to obteyne an adjudication of the Great Fenne, accordinge to the Act of 29th May last past, together with the materialls thereunto*

*1 The Banke of Welland on that side is long, about 2000 rode. It is not broad enough in*

*the state nor hight to make sufficient that the greatest flood in memory of many will be kept out of it. The charges thereof and of some other worke that are to be made on that aide of the Countrie will cost at the least £4000.*

*2 The bancke between Peterborough and Guyhurne is long about 5000 rode. That banke and the worke belonging thereunto would cost at least £12500*

*3 The banke on the south side to make it defensive and other worke on that side will cost at least £2000*

*4 The outfall at Wisbech and along that way from the fennes to the sea will cost at the least £8000*

*5 The banke on the north side of Bedford River and the repairing of Salters Lode and all other worke concerning that banke and sluces thereunto will be cost at the least £7000*

*Soe that this worke for the north side of Bedford River and betweene Welland will cost at least £33500*

*1 The banke on the south side of the River of Bedford, long about 20 miles, and the worke concerning it will cost about at the least £23200*

*2 The worke on Ouse (the old channell) and all thing concerning it will cost at the least all considered £15000*

*3 The other worke on that side will cost at least £17000*

*4 The severall draynes to satisfye the Countrie which are only for some petty brookes, draynes, navigation and the like which ought to be bestowed on the north and south side of Bedford river and are not conteyned in the Act as I beleeeve yet, to give satisfaction to the Countrie and Commissioners, I conceive they be needfull and will cost at the least £10000*

*The casualties in the raising of the bancke and other wants and uncertainties of weathers and seasons, I cannot value but I esteeme them, and the uncertainties of wages will adde at the least £6000*

*The materialls of planke, wheelebarrows, brushwood, sparres and the like - £3000*

*The sending over beyond the seas for workmen and their extraordinary charges and materialls - £2000*

*Now, I accompt the most concerning the makeup of the worke which may happen to be needfull and not thought of £10000*

*The total is £109700*

*I accompt of noe earth, nor land to be cutt, salaries nor recompence, and the greatest banke are 60 foore seate, 12 foote high on the top all other according to needes required pro rata the greatest*

*Sir Cornelius Vermuyden ultimate demandes delivered to the Company the 12th of December 1649*

*That the Company goe on with the northe side of Bedford River and Cornelius*



*Vermuyden to have the direction thereof and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to have pro rata soe much for it as hee should have had for the whole and have the thousand pounce agreed on*

*That if the same cost above 10s the acre then Sir Cornelius Vermuyden shall pay his rateable part of what it shall cost above 10s the acre to be accomted from this tyme*

*That Sir Cornelius Vermuyden shall have the lande on the south side of Bedford River and be at the charges of dreyning the same, in manner Sir Cornelius shall have the right of drayning on that side, by assignment from the Company.*

*That the reparation of all the worke on the north side shall at the charges of the land on that side*

*That the south side shall be at the charges of repairing and maynteyning the worke on that side*

*That all assistance shall be given by the Company in the adjudication for the south side and setting out the land on that side without their charges*

*Or otherwise, that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden shall goe on with the direction of the worke on the condition of the 4000 acres and the thousand pounce and, if it cost more then £110000, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to pay a halfe parte and, if under, nothing, and touching comptrolment, Sir Cornelius consentes, and touching the designe after it be agreed, to discover the same for soe much as possible can be for the present*

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| 13/12/49 p.m | 1 | Sir Miles Sandys, Mr Hamond, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Dodson   |
| 13/12/49 p.m | 2 | Ordered that Mr Castell deliver to Mr Henley for the use of the Company the paper booke, subscribed by the Adventurers, being a conveyance drawne by Mr Loe, and Mr Henleys receipt is able and sufficient comand to Mr Castell for the delivery thereof which conveyance was delivered accordingly |
| 13/12/49 p.m | 3 | <b>[Page 12]</b> Ordered that the first day of January next bee a publique day for sale of defaulters land that shall be in arrere of their proportion of 2s 6d or any parte thereof  |
| 13/12/49 p.m | 4 | Ordered that the clarke demand the tax of 2s 6d of Benjamyn Weston Esquire for the 2000 acres of his that be at his lodging nere Ivy Bridge and acquaint him that by first of January next is appointed a day for the sale of all defaulters lands  |
| 13/12/49     | 1 | Mr Henley Snr, Mr Hamond, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Dodson   |
| 13/12/49     | 2 | The Company agreed upon a letter to be written in the clarkes name, to the right honorable Earl of Norwich which followeth in these words viz   |

May it please your Lordshipp

The Adventurers in the Great Levell of the Fennes have this day mett and have bene informed of your Lordshipps honorable regard to the Company and well wishing to the worke, and that your lordshipp, upon conference with some of the Company, hath bene pleased to expresse that you could bring in, from beyond the seas, persons of estate and artistes to advance the worke, have comanded me to signifie to your Lordshipp that the Company is nowe absolutely broken of with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden as to the direction of the worke and have made choice of Sir Edward Partheriche to be their director whoe hath undertaken to doe such worke as in the opinion of the

Company will dreyne one hundred and fower score thousands acres of land or thereabouts within the space of a yeare, and that they shall friendly receave strangers that are men of estates whoe may have good bargaines for their money and also men of skill in work of this nature who may have good reward for their paines, in which perticular, at this occasion, requires for they desire your Lordshipps speedy answer. That being all I have in comand I hence give leave to remayne

Your Lordshipps most humble servant George Smith clerke of the Company

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| 15/12/49 | 1 | Sir Miles Sandys, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Hamond, Mr Jenyns, Mr Ingram, Mr Dodson, Mr Browne   |
| 15/12/49 | 2 | Ordered that the agreement between the Adventurers and Sir Edward Partherich be shewed to the Adventurers and Participants that were present at their meeting on Wednesday last when Sir Edward Partherich was chosen their Director and some of them as doe consent to the agreement are desired to subscribe their names thereunto or to meete at Mr Henleys by 9 of clocke on Monday morning next.  |
| 15/12/49 | 3 | Ordered that the assurance touchinge the sale of defaulters landes be taken into consideration and determined at the next meeting  |
| 20/12/49 | 1 | <i>Mr Henley Snr, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Dodson</i>   |
| 20/12/49 | 2 | <i>Mr Latham desires of the Company that the scotch and taxes imposed upon his 150 acres may be deducted out of the money that is due unto him for his attendance and service to the Company</i>   |
| 22/12/49 | 1 | Mr Gorges, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Latch, Mr Dodson, Mr Lukins   |
| 22/12/49 | 2 | Ordered that all purchasors of defaulters lands prepare draughts of their assurance and present them to the Company on Wednesday next by nyne of clocke in the morning at Mr Henleys howse or in default thereof the Company are resolved to sell those lands to such other person or persons as will lay downe their money for the same   |
| 22/12/49 | 3 | Ordered that Sir Edward Partherich be desired to declare to the Company on Wednesday morning next whether hee will adhere to the latter of his twoe former propositions or not or whether hee will not underake the dreyning of the north part of the levell unlesse hee undertake the whole   |
| 01/01/50 | 4 | <b>[Page 13]</b> Earle of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Wingfield, Mr Dereham, Mr Jennings, Mr Dodson, Mr Browne, Mr Bridges, Mr Lukins  |
| 01/01/50 | 1 | Sir Cornelius Vermuyden offers to demonstrate to the Earle of Bedford, the Lord Chief Justice St John, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley and Mr Latch that Sir Edward Partherich his designe is deffective to the worke of dreyning in divers perticulars, whereuppon it is ordered that tomorrow morning at nyne of clocke Sir Cornelius Vermuyden demonstrate the same accordingly in writing. And the said Earle the Lord Chiefe Justice and the rest of the gentlemen before mentioned are desired by the Company to receive the same and to declare their sense thereupon to the Company. And Mr Carrill and Mr Jennings were presently desired to acquaint the Lord Chiefe Justice herewith and to desire his Lordshipp to be present at the demonstration thereof. |

02/01/50	1	Earle of Bedford, Mr Giorges, Sir Milles Sandys, Mr Henley Snr, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Jennings, Mr Dodson, Mr Lukins, Mr Browne, Mr Robert Henley Jnr
02/01/50	2	Ordered that Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley and Mr Latch consider of the nomination of nyne of the Adventurers and Participants as are most fitt for the management of the whole worke of dreyning on the behalfe of the Company and of such powers and circumstances as shall be requisite to enable them, thereunto, and they are desired to deliver their sense touching the same to the Company as soone as may be.
02/01/50	3	Ordered that if any action or actions, suite or suites shall at any tyme thereafter arrise, be comenced or prosecuted against the right honorable William Earle of Bedford, his Participants and Adventurers, their heires or assigned, or any of them for or concerning any pursuance of the Act of Parliament or any order or orders of the Company for the dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes, either touching the buying or selling of any of defaulters lande or doing any other thing in the prosecution of the workes of dreyning according to the said Act that then hee or they which shall be molested or sued, and his and their goods and chattells, land and tenents, shall be from tyme to tyme bee defended and saved harme, lesse and indemnified at the generall charge of the whole Company from all cost and expences which shall happen or befall him or them for, or by reason, of any such act or thing comitted or done in pursuance of the authority and orders of the Company aforesaid.
10/01/50	1	Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Wingfield, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Marsham, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Carrill, Mr Dereham, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Dodson, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Browne, Mr Lukins, Mr Bradley
10/01/50	2	Ordered that the nyne Adventurers, hereafter named, or any five of them shall have full power for the management of the whole worke of dreyning according to the order of the second of January instant but as to the setting of taxes, selling of land and takeing of accounts, it is to be done as formerly if this order had not bene made  William Earle of Bedford, Oliver St John Chief Justice of the Comon Pleas Sir Miles Sandy knight and baronett Sir Edward Partherich Esqr Richard Gorges Esqr Robert Henley Esqr Anthony Hamond John Latch Robert Castell
14/01/50	1	<b>[Page 14]</b> Ordered that the fower grand dayes in the yeare viz - Candlemas day, Assention day, Midsomer day and All Saints day are appointed dayes for a generall meeting of the whole Company at nyne of clocke in the forenoone, whereby they may receive an account from the nyne Adventurers or some of them by the management of the whole worke of dreyning, of all their proceedings and if any of the grand dayes fall upon the Lords day then such meetinge are appointed the next day following
14/01/50	2	Ordered that ennie Adventurer or Participant enter in the clerke booke by Candlemas day next at his perill the place in London where and the partie with whome hee will have notice, lesse upon any occasion touching the proceedinge in the work of dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes to the intent hee may be advertised thereof from tyme to tyme, and all the Adventurers are to take notice thereof at their perills whoe are to be contacted by orders of the rest of the Company

24/01/50	1	Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley, Mr Hamond, Mr Latch
24/01/50	2	A draught of Article of Agreement betweene the Company and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden touching his being director of the works of dreyning was read, and upon the reading thereof, assented unto and agreed as well by the Company as by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, whereupon it is ordered that the said Article shall be engrossed and the comon seale of the Company put to one parte thereof by Mr Henley treasurer to the Company and to be delivered to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden sealing and delivering the other parte thereof to the use of the Company
25/01/50	1	Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Gorges, Mr Hamond, Mr Latch
25/01/50	2	The Articles of Agreement betweene the Company and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden being ingrossed according to a former order, the clerke in Mr Henleys absence is ordered to put the comon seale of the Company thereunto and to enter one parte thereof in the booke of entries
25/01/50	3	According to a clause in the Articles of Agreement betweene the Company and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden declared his designe to the Company for their approbation and upon debate and consideration thereof his designe was approved of in the generall, being conceived by the Company present a probable way to effect the worke of dreyning according to the Act of Parliament.
25/01/50	4	Upon further consideration of the perticuler works and what worke were fittest to be first done, it is resolved and ordered that the opening if the River of Wisbich from Mr Twelves his house to the Horseshoe be first sett upon and to the end it may bee speedily done, it is further ordered that all the Adventurers in towne be desired to meete at two of clocke on Monday next on the afternoone for the raysinge of money by taxe or otherwise as shall be thought fitt for the speedy effecting thereof
28/01/50	1	<b>[Page 15]</b> Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Gorges, Mr Hamond, Mr Marsham, Mr Latch, Mr Wingfield, Mr Ingram, Mr Dodson, Mr Lukins, Mr Williams, Mr Browne
28/01/50	2	The Company present upon debate of raysinge moneys for the speedy carrying on of the worke of dreyning the Great Levell of the Fennes according to the Act of Parliament have thought fitt and doe hereby order and agree that seaven severall taxes of 15d are payable as hereafter is expressed, amounting in the whole to 8s 9d an acre be sett and imposed upon the whole 95000 acres in the said Act mentioned as well upon the 80000 acres comprised in the twenty lotts or shares, each share conteyning 4000 acres as upon the 15000 acres residue of the said 95000 acres. And the said taxes are hereby sett and imposed accordingly and ordered to be paid to the treasurer for the tyme being at the house of Robert Henley Esqr nere Temple Barre in the parishe of St Clemente Danes in the County of Middlesex in manner and forme following viz - 15d for enie acre thereof respectively on or before the eleventh day of February next comeing, 15d for evrie acre thereof on or before the first day in March next ensuing, and for the like some of 15d for evrie acre thereof on or before the first day of every month then next following untill the said seaven severall taxes be fully paid and in default of payment of any of the said first six taxes, or any part thereof, respectively, as aforesaid the land of such defaulters are hereby ordered to be sold on the day of payment of the next succeeding

taxe and the land of such as make default of payment of the last of the said seaven taxes of 15d per acre hereby appointed to be sold on the first day of September now next ensuing. Nevertheless, if it shall happen that five or more of the Participants and Adventurers shall not meete on the said dayes appointed for the sale of the said land, the said dayes being hereby appointed dayes for the whole company to meete, that then such lande shall be sold at any other subsequent meeting of five or more of the Adventurers and Participants at the house of the said Robert Henley nere Temple barre as aforesaid which is hereby intended the place for sale of defaulters land

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| 28/01/50 | 3 | Ordered that as well the trustees, as other Adventurers that were or shall be present at the sale of any defaulters land, shall seale and deliver such assurance as are, or shall be, ordered to be made to any purchasors, notwithstanding any order on declaration heretofore made to the contrary, nonethelesse, it is hereby intended that noe such purchasor or purchasors shall receive any greater estate in any better condition by reason of such sealing and delivery of the trustees then the rest of the Adventurers and Participants are  |
| 28/01/50 | 4 | Ordered that Tuesday the twelfth day of February next is hereby appointed a day of sale of such of the Adventurers and Participants lande as have made default in the payment of theire last tax of 2d 6d an acre, or any parte thereof, at the house of Robert Henley Esqr without Temple Barre between the houres of two and seaven of clocke in the afternoone  |
| 28/01/50 | 5 | For as much as the tax of 2s 6d per acre imposed the eleventh of June last past upon the 15000 acres unalloted or the greatest parte thereof is hitherto unpaid, it was put to the question whether the 15000 acres, heretofore sett out, or intended for the late King, being parte of the said 15000 acres, should be sold and a price thereof sett or not. And it was resolved, by the Company present, that the same should be sold at 40s an acre, freed from all charges of dreyning untill adjudication of that parte of the levell where the same lyeth, and to be lyable only to all future charges of the worke on that parte of the levell after adjudication of the whole levell and then to be lyable and, equally, to be contributory in proportion with the residue of the 95000 acres to all future charges of the work of the whole levell, whereuppon the Lord Chief Justice St John being present desired to become a purchasor for parte of the said 10000 acres at the said rate and upon the termes aforesaid viz - for <b>[Page 16]</b> 1102 acres in Farssett, 661 acres in Yaxely, 191 acres in Stanground and 88 acres in Little Borrough Fenn which the Company are willing to accept of, and they doe hereby desire the said Lord Chief Justice and Robert Henley Esqr to take consideration howe purchasors may be obtayned by themselves or such others as they shall thinke fitt for the residue of the said 10000 acres at the rate and termes aforesaid to which purpose they are hereby authorized to treat with such persons as they shall thinke fitt, and they are desired to make returne of their proceedinge therein to the Company at the generall meeting on Saturday next |
| 28/01/50 | 6 | Mr Latch declared to the Company that his assigned had paid their proportion of the last tax of 2s 6d per acre imposed upon the 15000 acres unalloted and therefore hee desires that they might be allowed to deduct the like some out of their next payment of the tax of 8s 9d an acre imposed at this presente meeting which was assented unto and ordered accordingly, they relinquishing their respective interest therein  |
| 31/01/50 | 1 | <i>Earle of Bedford, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Hamond, Mr Castell, Mr Latch</i>   |
| 31/01/50 | 2 | <i>Sir Cornelius Vermuyden declared to the Company that it were necessary to imploy those officers following viz -</i>   |

- *One surveyour at 100 marke per annum to sett out the worke and see that they be done according to the direction given them*
- *Three overseers for the present to oversee the workmen*
- *One expeditor to receave the money from the treasurer whose acquittance may be a discharge to the treasurer for the money he shall receave*
- *One clarke to keepe the booke of account of all the worke and of all the money that shall be expended upon every worke and parte upon each perticuler*

02/02/50	1	Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Gorges, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Hamond, Mr Marsham, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Castell, Mr Ingram, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Bradley, Mr Dodson, Mr Williams, Mr Lukins, Mr Browne
02/02/50	2	Ordered that Mr Hamond, Mr Carrill and Mr Lukins or any two of them audite and state all the accounts that concerne the Company and make returne thereof and of all arreres to the Company at their meeting in the eleventh of this instant month of February
02/02/50	3	Ordered that as well the Adventurers and Participants that were, or shall be, present at the sale of any defaulters lande, as also all such other of the Adventurers and Participants as shall be present at any other subsequent meeting of the Company, shall at the desire of any purchasor or of the clerke of the Company seale, and deliver such assurances as are, or shall be, ordered to be made to any purchasor or purchasors of any such land
02/02/50	4	Ordered that as soone as ten thousand poundes shall be raysed by the Adventurers and Participants for the dreyning of the Great Levell and paid to their treasurer, the purchasors of the ten thousand acres called the Kings land shall pay £4000 evrie month untill the some of £20000 shall be fully paid, being at the rate of 40s per acre according to former orders, the first payment of £4000 to begin and to be made in 28 dayes next after notice shall be given by the said treasurer under his hande or under the hand of any five of the Company, that the above said £10000 is brought in as aforesaid which £10000 and £4000 per mensem together with such other taxes laid or to be laid upon the lands within the levell, shall be employed upon the worke of dreyning of the land within the levell aforesaid
02/02/50	5	The Company receaving a letter for Mr Buckland on the behalfe of an orphan, that hee being a trustee for the children of Sir Robert Gorges for a 4th parte of the 17th lott, the Company have ordered the clerke to returne answere thereunto that they have noe other way for the raising of money to dreyne the Great Levell but by taxeing of the land and sale of the same for non payment according to the directions of the Act of Parliament which takes noe notice of [being an] orphan, neither is it the practice of the Commision of Sewers in like cases soe to doe, and the clerke is ordered to enclose the said answere of Mr Bucklands letter the copie of the last order for imposeing the newe taxe of 8s 9d an acre  Which answere was sent accordingly
04/02/50	1	<b>[Page 17]</b> Earle of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Hamond, Mr Castell, Mr Latch, Mr Isaac Jones, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Carrill, Mr Dodson, Mr Browne



04/02/50	2	The Company, takeing into consideration the necessity of having an expeditor in the Countrey, they unanimously agreed to desire Robert Castell Esqr to take upon him that office whoe, being present at the desire of the Company is willing to accept of that imployment which is hereby ordered accordingly
07/02/50	1	Earle of Bedford, Sir Edward Patherich, Mr Henley, Mr Hamond, Mr Castell, Mr Latch, Mr Bradley
07/02/50	2	Mr Bradley, declaring to the Company that Mr Rye had not timely notice of the passing of the Act of Parliament for the tax of 2s 6d per acre imposed upon his 150 acres and, therefore, desired that upon the payment thereof, the penalties might be remitted which at Mr Bradleys request was assented unto and ordered accordingly
12/02/50	1	Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Gardiner, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Gorges, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Tyringham, Mr Crane, Mr Hamond, Mr Castell, Mr Marsham, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Ingram, Mr Latch, Mr Wingfield, Mr Carrill, Mr Jenyns, Mr Dodson, Mr Bradley
12/02/50	2	Mr Thurloe declarring to the Company that, according to former orders, purchasors were allready procured for 9000 acres of the ten thousand acres called the Kings land and that they desired that five or more of the Adventurers and Participants might be appointed as well for the frameing and perfecting the conveyances, as for the takeing security of the said purchasors for such moneys as are to be paid, whereupon it is ordered that Sir Thomas Gardener, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Fountayne, Mr Crane, Mr Hamond, Mr Marsham, Mr Castell, Mr Latch and Mr Carrill or any five of them (whereof Sir Thomas Gardiner or Mr Fountayne to be one) treat with the said purchasors or any others that will purchase the residue of the said 10000 acres or any part thereof and, according to the intent of the said former orders, to frame and perfect such assurance and take such security for the money, to be maid as they shall thinke fitt to which purpose they are desired to meete at Mr Henleys at three of clocke tomorrow in the afternoone
12/02/50	3	<p>Mr Henley, receaving a letter from Mr Weston, shewed it to the Company, upon reading whereof the clerke was ordered to returne answer as followeth viz -</p> <p>The Company, upon reading of your letter to Mr Henley, have comanded me to signifie unto you that they have noe other wayes for the raising of moneys for the dreyning of the Great Levell but by taxeing of the 95000 acres and by sale of such as make default to pay in their proportions according to the directions in the Act of Parliament, nowe, in regard the tax of 2s 6d per acre was imposed the eleventh of June last and the last payment thereof to be made the first of August following, which is above six months since, they conceive they are no wayes forward to you in their proceeding, they being necessitated to proceede according to the Act, the worke admitting of noe delay. As touching the cleering of yesterdie, I make noe doubt but the Company will be ready to condescend to what shall be reasonably required from them for the confirmation and strengthening thereof, this being the effect of that I had in comand from the Company I subscribe myself - you most humble servant George Smith</p> <p>To the honorable Benjamin Weston Esqr</p>
13/02/50	1	<b>[Page 18]</b> Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Gardiner, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Crane, Mr Hamond, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Jenyns

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| 13/02/50 | 2 | Ordered that as soone as five of the Adventurers and Participants meete at any meeting hereafter that presently they choose one of them to sitt as chaire and to attend and regulate the business that is appointed for the same day and that they pursue the same before any other busines be taken in hand and the Company doe hereby order their generall meeting at two of clocke in the afternoone <i>de die in diem</i> untill further order to the contrary   |
| 13/02/50 | 3 | <p><i>The necessity of the speedie raysing of moneyes for the carrying on the worke caused the Company to resolve to proceede upon these particulers followinge viz -</i></p> <p><i>1 To state the accoumpts of every defaulter touching his or their taxe of 2s 6d per acre imposed the 11th of June last 1649</i></p> <p><i>2 To perticularize what land of each defaulter shall be sold</i></p> <p><i>3 To use all other meanes for the raysing of money</i></p> <p><i>4 To free the 1500 acres claymed by Mr Dereham</i></p>   |
| 14/02/50 | 1 | Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Henley, Mr Hamond, Mr Ingram, Mr Latch, Mr Crane, Mr Jenyns, Mr Dodson  |
| 14/02/50 | 2 | <p><i>Whereas the tax of 2s and 6d an acre, sett and imposed (the first payment thereof) on the 25th of June last, the other moytie or second payment thereof at or upon the first of August last past, and whereas diverse person have made default in paying in the said tax, it is thought fitt and hereby ordered that the severall landes hereafter mentioned shall be forthwith sold for payment of the arreres respectively in manner following viz</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>— Sir Cornelius Vermuyden being present did consent that his 200 acres mentioned in the first lott should be first sold</i></li> <li><i>— Sir Miles Sandys in the 2nd lott 2900 acres, in the 10th lott 3157 acres, in the 13th lott in all 7572 acres, hee alledged that hee hath paid in the most parte of his tax in full, within £8, and will bring in his accoumpt tomorrow to cleere the same</i></li> <li><i>— Mr John and Edward Russell in the 3rd lott 2800 acres, in the 9th lott 2000 acres, in the 11th lott 2000 acres and in the 14th lott 1750 acres, in all 8550 acres, they are in arrere with their Participants in parte of payment of £528.15.00</i></li> <li><i>— Henry Bulmer as to another parte of the 3d lotts is in arrere for 40 acres - £5.00.00</i></li> <li><i>— John Tyballs more for 30 acres in the same £3.15.00</i></li> <li><i>— Henry Dereham in the 10th lott for 300 acres. Sir Miles Sandys offered for the said 300 acres, £120 for the old arreres upon it and the tax of 2s 6d per acre payable as aforesaid, noe man then offering more for the same, it was at the rate aforesaid sold unto the said Sir Miles Sandys and ordered to bee conveyed accordingly unto him selfe or any other person or person that hee shall nominate</i></li> <li><i>— John Trenchard is the 5th lott 400 acres and in the 17th lott 100 acres are in all 500 acres - £62.10.00</i></li> <li><i>— Richard Gorges Esqr in the 6th lott 1000 acres, in the 15th lott 3700 acres, in all 4700 acres besides the 300 acres claymed by Mr Dereham - £587.10.0</i></li> </ul> |

- *William Tyingham in the 4th lott for 4000 acres, in the 4th lott for 4000 acres and in the 6th lott 1000 acres, in all 5000 acres - £625.00.00*
  - *Arthur Anesley in the 6th lott for 833 acres - £104.02.06*
  - *Edward Sammes in the 8th lott 1000 acres - £425.00.00*
  - *Earle of Arundell in the 8th lott 1000 acres, in the 13th lott 1000 acres, in the 16th lott 200 acres and in the 18th lott 3700 acres in all 5900 acre - £675.00.00*
- 15/02/50      1      *Sir Miles Sandys, Richard Gorges Esqr, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Robert Henley Snr, Mr Bardley, Anthonie Hamond Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Mr Marsham Esqr, Mr Dodson, Mr Ingram, Mr Carrill*
- 15/02/50      2      *In pursuance of the last order for setting out defaulters lands appointed for sale it did appeare that*
- *Johhn Lyon Esqr for both payments in arrere for 150 acres in the 8th lott - £18.15.00*
  - *Robert Scawen for 100 acres in the 8th lott - £12.10.00*
  - *John Latham 150 acres in the 8th lott - £18.15.00*
  - *John Evans 50 acres and both payments - £6.05.00*
  - *Alexander Jones the last payment for 100 acres - £6.05.00*
  - *The purchasors of the late Earl or Bullingbrokes 2000 acres for both payments in the 9th lott - £250.00.00*
  - *Sir Thomas Stanley both payments for 1000 acres being £125 whereof £100 rests - £25.00.00*
  - *John Marsham Esqr the last payment for 1000 acres in the 12th lott - £62.10.00*
  - *William Marsham Esqr both payment for 500 acres in the 13th lott - £62.10.00*
  - *The heirs or assigned of the late Lord Brooke both payments for 200 acres in the 14th lott - £12.10.00*
  - *Oliver St John Lord Chief Justice of the Comon Please both payments for 1250 acres being £156.05.00 whereof part 50 rests in arrere £106.00.00 in the 14th lott - £106.05.00*
  - *Lott 250 acres in the 17th 1000 acres*
  - *Sir Charles Harboard knight, both payments for 800 acres in the 16th lott - £100.00.00*
  - *The heirs or assigned of Sir Robert Gorges knight, both payments for 1000 acres in the 17th lott - £125.00.00*
  - *Benjamyn Weston Esqr, both payments for 2000 acres in the 95000 acres - £250.00.00*

15/02/50            2        Whereas on the eleventh of June last past a tax of 2s 6d per acre was sett and imposed upon the 95000 acres by the Adventurers and Participants in the Great Levell of the Fennes or some of them by vertue of and according to the Act made this present Parliament payable 25th of June and first of August, hast past by equall proportions and great penalties, were sett of each Adventurer that should faile in bringinge in of his proportionable part thereof and many of them punctually paying the said tax and upon confidence that payment would have bene made by all others accordingly the Company, did then forthwith begin this worke of dreyning and more in an hopefull way to have made a good progresse that somer but through the default of payment of the said tax by divers of the Adventurers and Participants the work was necessitated to be untimely deserted to the hazard both of the moneys expended and of the whole worke.

15/02/50            3        And whereas the Company have used their best endeavors to cause the defaulters to bring in the said tax and divers dayes have bene appointed for sale of their lands for non payment, thereof, which in their favor have hitherto from tyme to tyme bene respited and forborne upon expectation of payment, and forasmuch as the said defaulters have not yet brought in their money and the tyme of yeare soe fast approaching that the worke must againe be taken in hand or the busines endangered to be lost to the utter ruyine of many of the said Adventurers and Participants, the Company having used all possible meanes for the raysing of moneys for the carrying on the said worke without sale of defaulters land but not finding their indeavors soe successful to rayse moneys, accordingly they were necessitated to have recourse againe to the sale of defaulters land that soe they may be put into such hands as would unanimously joyne together in payment of their taxes for the carrying through of the worke which without a generall concurrence is impossible to be effected, whereupon divers dayes of sale have bene appointed and printed bills sett upp through the cities of London and Westminster for the better publishing thereof and inviting of purchasers, and yet fewe or none comeing in to buy the said defaulters land for the carrying on of the said worke of dreyning, the Company therefore, takeing into consideration the present necessity of raysing a considerable some of money for the speedy carrying on of this worke of dreyning, they have to that end agreed upon certaine propositions and agreements and ordered that every Adventurers or Participant shall subscribe of submitt unto one of them.

1 Hee that will purchase or procure purchasers for a proportionalbe quantity of the defaulters lande and soe bringe in arreres of the twoe shillings and sixe pence tax and pay the first fifteen pence tax for that and his owne Adventure, hee shall be reputed a preserver of the Company in this tyme of their necessity and **[Page 19]** hee shall not bee called upon for any more moneys till Michalmas next and then only in proportion with the other Adventurers as the Company shall thinke fitt

2 Hee that will nowe advance toward the makeing upp of the tenn thousand pounds, three payments of the fifteen pence tax shall be esteemed to have done an acceptable service for the Companie, and hee shall not be callied upon for any more money till the first of August next and then only in proportion with the other Adventurers as the Company shall thinke fitt

3 Hee that will neither purchase defaulters lande to bring in the arrere of taxes nor advance the three payments before hand to helpe in this straight must punctually pay his taxes at the severall dayes appointed or expect the next day of sale to have his land sold without the least respect or favor

*All those names are hereunder written will purchase defaulters landes viz - supra and performe as in the first Article*

- *Robert Henley for 3975 acres in Mr Russells shares*
- *Robert Henley doth undertake for 4000 acres in Mr Gorges lott*
- *Edward Partherich doe undertake for 300 acres part of Mr Anthony Annesleys 833 acres in the 6th lott*
- *Anthony Hamond undertakes for 700 acres in arrere in the 12th lott*
- *John Latch undertakes for 700 acres remayning of Mr Gorges 300 acres claymed out of his lott by Mr Dereham in my Lord of Bedfords lott and the 300 acres in Mr Hewitts lott and also the 300 acres in my Lord of Arundells lott*
- *Robert Castell undertakes to procure purchasors for 1000 acres of Mr Tyrninghams in the 6th lott*
- *Isaac Jones for 4000 acres in Mr Tyringhams lott which is the 4th lott*
- *Sir Gilbert Gerard doe undertake for 1000 acres late Sir Robert Gorges in the 17th lott*
- *Robert Henley for 2000 acres which is forfeited for non payment of taxes by Benjamyn Weston Esqr*
- *I Marke Bradley doe undertake for the remaynder of Mr Annesleys 833 acres in the 6th lott being 533 acres*
- *I William Dodson doe undertake for 50 acres late John Evans and 500 acres late Alexander Jones belonging to the 8th lott heretofore Doctor Sammes share*
- *I doe subscribe for 1000 acres in the 18th lott - Richard Belchambe*

*All whose names are here under written will advance and performe 3 payments in supra in the 2nd Article*

- *Edward Partherich doe undertake to bringe in 3 fitfeen penny taxes for my 250 acres forthwith*
- *The Earle of Bedford subscribed to advance 3 payments of the 15d taxes per acres for 4000 acres forthwith*
- *I will doe the like for my 500 acres in the 8th lott - Thomas Gardiner*
- *I the like for my proportion - John Fountayne*
- *I will doe the like for my proportion - Thomas Thyme*
- *John Marsham subscribed for 500 acres*
- *John Trenchard Esqr subscribed to advance 3 payments of 15d per acre for his proportion of 500 acres forthwith*

- *I will doe the like for my proportion of 250 acres - John Trafford*
- *I will doe the like for my 500 acres - John Carill*
- *I doe the like for my proportion of 250 acres in the 13th lott - Sam Spaldinge*
- *I doe the like for my proportion of 800 acres in the 14th lott - John Bridges*
- *I doe the like for my proportion of 210 acres in the 13th lott -Thomas Browne*
- *I doe the like for and on behalfe of John Williams for his proportion of 300 acres in the 2nd lott - Thomas Browne*
- *I doe the like for my proportion of 125 acres in the 15th lott - Thomas Browne*
- *Alepard Jones parte one payment 23th of June 1649 and 4 payments more 5th March 1649 by which 3 payments were advanced accordinge to this Article*

*All whose names are underwritten will punctually pay our taxes at the tyme appointed and within this, default every man bee that subscribeth not at all*

15/02/50	3	<i>Mr Shalcrosse the scribenor made a motion on the behalfe of Charles Harbord craving leave for respitt of sale of his land for a month spare, within which hee promised to write to Sir Charles and acquaint him of the intention of the Company that his land will be exposed to sale without speedy payment bee made of his taxes now in arrere which motion the Company approved of and assented thereunto</i>
16/02/50	1	Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Robert Henley Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Anthony Hamond Esqr, Robert Castell Esqr
16/02/50	2	<i>This day Doctor Bates came and acquainted the Company that Mr Sammes had no notice of the tax of 2s 6d in arrere and therefore desired tyme to give him notice thereof whereupon the Company agreed to respitt the proposinge his lande to sale untill Thursday next, hee then promising thereupon to retorne answer by that tyme whether hee would become a purchasor or pay the taxes for the said land beinge 1000 acres mentioned in the 8th lott</i>
16/02/50	3	<i>Mr John Evans having 50 acres in the 8th lott brought a petition desiring 6 months respitt for payment of his tax and had the answer from the Company that they could not respitt the said tax, in regard if they should, others would expecte the like favour and then the worke of dreyninge would be retarded</i>
16/02/50	4	Ordered that notice be given to the severall Adventurers hereafter named to meete at two of clocke in the afternoone on Monday next being the 18th day of this instant month of February viz -  Richard Gorges Esqr, John Trenchard Esqr, Arthur Ansley Esqr, James Ingram Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Sir Thomas Thyme Esqr, Sir Thomas Gardiner Esqr, Alexander Jones, Marrke Bradley gent, Mr Wingfield, Mr Marsham  And notice was accordingly given to them all
20/02/50	1	Mr John Russell, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Dereham, Mr Hamond, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Dodson, Mr Castell



20/02/50	2	Ordered that notice be given to all the Adventurers nowe in towne that they meete tomorrowe at twoe of the clocke in the afternoone to subscribe the articles for speedy raising of moneys
21/02/50	1	Sir Miles Sandys, Robert Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Hamond, Mr Marsham, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Dodson, Robert Henley Jnr, Sir Thomas Gardiner, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Mr Lukins, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Carrill, Mr Bradley, Mr Trafford, Mr Castell, Mr Trafford, Mr Castell, Mr Jenyns
21/02/50	2	Memorand that a conveyance be drawne for Sir Gilbert Gerrards 1000 acres which hee subscribed for in the roll in his sonnes name viz - Gilbert Gerrard
21/02/50	3	<i>Mr Weston came to the Company and, being demanded by them, refused to pay in the tax for 1000 acres claymed by him, alledginge that untill hee had his Acte passed in the howse, hee held himselfe not lyable to the payment of taxes</i>
21/02/50	4	Ordered upon the motion of Mr Doctor Bate, that one thousand acres mentioned in the 8th lott late belonginge to Doctor Sames bee conveyed to the said Doctor Bate or to such other person or persons as hee shall nominate, paying such taxes as are allreadie due and in arrere and as shall hereafter become due and payable for the same, the same land being then put to sale for non payment of the 2s 6d tax due in June and August last and noe man offering more, it is ordered that the said landes shall bee conveyed unto the said Doctor Bate or to such other person or persons as hee shall nominate or appoint and to their heires accordinge to the Acte.
21/02/50	5	<i>Memorand Mr Phillips came on the behalfe of the Countesse of Arundell and offered to pay in the taxes for 500 acres in the 13th lott and that hee would doe it within 4 to 5 days.</i>
21/02/50	6	<b>[Page 20]</b> Ordered that the treasurer pay, or cause to bee paid, unto Lieutenantt Colonell Dodson the some of one hundred and ten poundes two shillings and six pence formerly disbursed by him towards the workes, provided that this order may not bee prejuditiall to the treasurie havinge 2 former orders made on his behalfe to reimburse himselfe of such money as hee hath layd out for the Companie
27/02/50	1	Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Mr John Russell, Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Gardiner, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Gorges, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Trenchard, Mr Marsham, Mr Castell, Mr Latch, Mr Ingram, Mr Carrill, Mr Fountayne, Mr Trafford, Mr Bradley
27/02/50	2	Ordered that all the Adventurers forthwith subscribe to one of the three articles which are entered in the parchment roll for the advance of monyes towards the speedie carrying on of the workes of dreyninge
27/02/50	3	Ordered that all the monies subscribed in the articles to bee forthwith advanced towards the speedie carrying on of the workes of dreyning bee paid to the treasurer on or before Tuesdaie night next, beinge the fifth of March 1649. And in case £10000 shall not then bee paid in then the monies so advanced shall be restored on the daie followinge to such as have advanced their respective proportions and if £10000 shall bee then brought in, the same is ordered to bee employed upon the workes. And it is hereby agreed and ordered that such of the Adventurers and Participants as have purchased defaulters landes and shall not paie in their respective proportions on or before the said daie shall forfeit so many acres of their owne perticuler Adventurer landes respectively. By the like forfeit is hereby agreed and ordered unto such as shall not paie in their respective proportions subscribed to bee advanced in the 2nd Article

of the parchment roll.

27/02/50	4	Ordered that every Adventurer and Participant that paies any money to the treasurer betweene this and Wednesay next bring in his acquittance on the same daie by nyne of clocke in the morninge, the same tyme being hereby appointed a generall meetinge of the Company
27/02/50	5	Ordered that a generall meetinge of the whole Company is appointed at Wisbich on Tuesdaie at night beinge the 26th of March next 1649
27/02/50	4	Ordered that the Companie proceed to the sale of defaulters landes on Friday next beinge the first of March next 1649 according to former orders
27/02/50	5	Ordered that the assurances of defaulters landes bee made and sealed accordinge to the severall subscriptions and Mr Henley is desired to take such other subscriptions as shall bee offered for the purchase of the residue of the defaulters landes or otherwise for the present advance of money for the speedie carryinge on of the workes of dreyninge
27/02/50	6	Mr Henley consents to relinquish his bargaine of 2000 acres of Mr Westons land
27/02/50	7	Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is desired to prepare himselfe to goe downe into the Countrie against Wednesdaie next.
27/02/50	8	<b>[Page 21]</b> Ordered that when the £10000 is paid to the treasurer, notice thereof shall bee forthwith left at the chamber of the Lord Chief Justice St John in Lincolns Inne, at Mr Henleyes howse nere Temple Barre, and at Mr Alleyns howse at the signe of the legge in Cheapside which are hereby intended the places for notice to bee left for the purchase of the 10000 acres to paie in their moneyes accordinge to the order of the 2nd of February instant.
27/02/50 p.m	1	Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, John Russell Esqr, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Gardyner, Sir Edward Patherich, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Gorges, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Castell, Mr Ingram, Mr Marsham, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Dereham, Mr Trafford, Mr Carrill, Mr Lukins, Mr Williams
27/02/50 p.m	2	Mr Henley is desired by the Companie to conferre with Major Underwood and to see if hee will take upon him the office of expenditure and upon what termes hee will undertake the same
27/02/50 p.m	3	The Companie agreed upon the sallary of 100 markes per annum for one overseer whilst there needes but one att Wisbech, and they agreed that Mr Burton of Spalding should bee the man
27/02/50 p.m	4	They agreed also upon the sallarie of £100 markes paid for a surveyour to sett out the workes
27/02/50 p.m	5	Ordered and agreed with the consent of Mr Henley that, according to a former order, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden shall have Mr Henleyes fifth lott for his recompence as director of the workes and in lieu thereof Mr Henley is to have £10000 from the Company to bee paid upon adjudication of the dreyninge of the levell of any part thereof <i>pro rata</i> . And Mr Henley is to pay the taxes thereof in the meane tyme
02/03/50	1	Earle of Arundell, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Henley Snr, Mr latch, Mr Ingram, Mr Castell, Mr Dereham, Mr

02/03/50	2	Ordered that Lieutenanтт Colonell Underwood bee the expeditor and that there shall be an allowance at the rate of £300 per annum for himselfe and such as hee shall employ
02/03/50	3	For as much as noe order of sale is entered for the sale of 1000 acres in the 18th lott belonging to the right honorable the Earle of Arundell and surveyed and subscribed for by Richard Belchambe in the parchment roll of articles, and for that the said Earle undertakes forthwith to paie the taxes due for the same, it is ordered that the said one thousand acres shall remayne to the said Earle as formerly his Lordshipp, satisfyinge the said taxed by Tuesday night next.
04/03/50	1	<b>[Page 22]</b> Earle of Arundell, Mr John Russell, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Latch, Mr Dereham, Mr Castell, Mr Fountayne, Mr Marsham, Mr Ingram, Mr Gorges, Mr Carill, Mr Maynstone, Mr Lukins, Mr Browne
04/03/50	2	<i>Ordered that the order of the 21st of February last for the sale of defaulters lande and upon non payment of their taxes be forthwith entered unto the journall booke</i>
04/03/50	3	Whereas the taxes of 2s 6d per acre, imposed the 11th of June last, and payable on the 25th of the said month and on the first of August followinge and one of the seaven severall taxes of 15d per acre imposed the 28th of January last and payable the 11th of February followinge upon one hundred and fiftie acres belonginge to John Pym Esqr and upon 100 acres belonging to Robert Scawen Esqr, assigned of Doctor Sams in the 8th lott are heither unpaid, and for that Valentyne Walton Esqr hath offered to pay the said taxes for the purchase of the said 250 acres, in consideration whereof and, for as much as no person or persons would give any greater price for the same, the Companie present by vertue of the Acte of Parliament for the dreyninge of the Great Levell of the Fennes doe hereby sell unto the said Valentyne Walton the said 250 acres and they doe hereby order that assurances thereof bee made accordingly to him and his heires or to such other person or persons as he shall nominate.
04/03/50	4	Whereas the moytie of the taxes of 2s 6d are imposed the 11th of June last and payable the first of August following and the first of the seaven severall taxes of 15d per acre imposed the 28th of January last and payable the 11th of February following upon one hundred acres of Adventurers landes belonging to Alexander Jones, marchant, assigned of Dr Sams in the 8th lott, are heither to unpaid and for the the said Alexander Jones hath offered to pay the said taxes for the purchase of the said 100 acres, in consideration whereof and for as much as noe person or persons would give any greater price for the same, the Companie present, by vertue of the Act of Parliament for the dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes, doe hereby sell unto the said Alexander Jones the said 100 acres and they doe hereby order the assurances thereof bee made accordingly to him and his heires or to such other person or persons as he shall nominate.
05/03/50	1	Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Latch, Mr Ingram, Mr Castell, Mr Jenyns, Mr Dereham, Mr Forster
05/03/50	2	Mr Belchambe sent a messenger with his purchase money to the Companie for a thousand acres which hee subscribed for in the parchment roll belonging to the 18th lott and desired that his money might bee received and hee would appeale to the Commisioners touching his tithe thereunto, but the Company refused to accept thereof untill further advise bee had with the rest of the Company

06/05/50	1	Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Cornelius Vermuydem, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Fountayne, Mr Castell, Mr Marsham, Mr latch, Mr Jenyns, Mr Trafford, Mr Dereham, Mr Bradley, Mr Ingram, Mr Maynstone
06/05/50	2	<b>[Page 23]</b> Upon consideration of the draught of an order made yesterday touchinge the sale of 800 acres belonging to Sir Thomas Stanley in the 12th lott, in regards the 2s 6d tax was formerly paid and the 15d tax tendered yesterday, and upon other circumstances touching the said 800 acres and proceedings thereupon, it is thought fitt and ordered that the said sale bee not entered but made void and that the said sale and any assurance touching the same bee not further proceeded in and they doe hereby further order the treasurer to receive the tax money tendered on Sir Thomas Stanleys behalfe.
06/05/50 p.m	1	Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Fountayne, Mr Jones, Mr Castell, Mr Marsham, Mr Latch, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Dereham, Mr Jenyns, Mr Trafford, Mr Carroll, Mr Ingram, Mr Bradley, Mr Maynstone
06/05/50 p.m	2	Ordered that Sir Miles Sandys produce his accompts whereby the Company may know how his taxes are discharged
07/03/50	1	Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Fountayne, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Marsham, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Dereham, Mr Trafford, Mr Lukins, Mr Williams, Mr Browne
07/03/50	2	Whereas diverse certificates were this day signed, sealed and delivered by the treasurer and five of the Participants and Adventurers in pursuance of an order of the 27th February last, it is ordered that John Hopkinson, Mr Palmer and Edward Lyons shall forthwith repayre to the severall places mentioned in the said order and give notice accordingly by leaving 3 of the said certificates at each place and give an accompt of there proceedings therein to the Company at there next meeting
08/03/50	1	Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Adams, Mr Marsham, Mr Bate, Mr Carrill, Mr Dereham, Mr Jenyns, Mr Trafford, Mr Ingram, Mr Bradley, Mr Williams, Mr Lukins, Mr Browne
08/03/50	2	Ordered that the £436.06.08 which Sir Miles Sandys demands for the cuttinge of his landes and other losses shall bee respited untill the same bee viewed by such persons as the Companie at there meeting at Wisbich shall order and appoint, and then if the Company thinke fitt to allow the same, the land to bee valued, as it was worth at the tyme of the first undertaking, and the Company doe agree that as to so much money in respecte of Sir Miles Sandys his taxes, it shall bee without prejudice to him in the meane tyme
08/03/50	3	In pursuance of an order made yesterday, John Hopkinson, William Palmer and Edward Lyons have this daie given notice at the howse of Robert Henley Eswr nere Temple Barre, by delivering 3 severall certificates into the handes of Robert Henley Jnr, also at the chamber of the Lord Justice St John <b>[Page 24]</b> in Lincolns Inne by puttinge 3 severall certificates under the said Chamber dore, and at Mr Allens howse at the Sign of the Legge in Cheapside, by delivering three severall certificates into the handes of Mr Thomas Allen, master of the said howse, the copies of which certificates followeth in theis wordes

Mr Robert Henley Esqr, treasurer to William Earle of Bedford and the Adventurers and Participants for dreyning of the Great Levell of the Fennes extending itselfe into the

counties of Northamptonshire, Norffolke, Suffolke, Lincolne, Cambridger and Huntingdon and the Isle of Elie, and Sir Miles Sandys knight and baronnett, Sir Edward Partherich knight, Isaac Jones Esqr, James Ingram Esqr and John Latch Esqr, Adventurers and Participants with the said Earle of Bedford in the said dreyning, doe hereby certifie unto Thomas Matthews, citizen and Coroner of London, Joseph Buckley of London gent, Sir Edward Northey knight, R Lawrence Maydwell Esqr, William Allen Esqr, Thomas Allen sonne of the said William Allen Esqr, Cornelius Vermuyden Esqr, Marke Holdesley Esqr, John Thurloe gent, George Clapthorne Esqr, Robert Clapthorne, sonne of the said George Clapthorne, William Underwood Esqr, Francis Underwood Esqr, Matthew Pinder Esqr, William Tombes Esqr, Lawrence Speight gent, and John Arthur Esqr, purchasors of theire respective parts of the 10000 acres called the Kings land, accordinge to the intent, agreement provisor and condition conteyned in a certaine indenture consistinge of ten parts dated the fifth daye of this instant March that there is £10000 and more raised by the said Adventurers and Participants and paid to mee the said Robert Henley, the said treasurer to bee employed upon the workes of dreyning the landes within the levell aforesaid, and doe hereby desire the said purchasors to take notice of the same accordingly given under our handes and sealed the seaveneth day of March 1649, Miles Sandys, Robert Henley, Edward Partherich, Isaac Jones, James Ingram, John Latch

Sealed, signed and delivered in the presence of John Hopkinson, William Palmer and Edward Lyons

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| 08/03/50 | 5 | <p>Ordered that Lieutenantt Colonell Underwood bee the expendor and that there shall bee an allowance at the rate of three hundred poundes paid for himselfe and such as hee shall imploy to begin from the date of this order and the Companie doe consent either to deliver unto him £300 in money or 200 acres of land upon the adjudication of the whole levell at the election of the Companie if hee then bee living and contynue the employment so long, and in the exercise of his place hee is to observe the instructions hereafter mentioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The expendor to give an acquittance for every some of mony hee shall receive, and to enter the same into a booke made and kept by him expressing the tyme when and of whome received, and hee shall enter into the same booke the perticuler somes by him issued and when and to whome, and hee is to issue out noe money but to those that doe the worke and by warrant from 3 persons authorized by the Companie or any 2 of them</li> <li>— That the expendor the last daie of every month shall deliver a perticuler accountt under his hand to 3 persons authorized there unto of all perticuler somes of money by him received and issued during that month and when and to whome, and the said 3 or any 2 of them to examyn the same with his booke and finding the same true, to signe it and forthwith to transmitt it to the clarke, and if the last daie of any month shall happen of the Lords day, the accountt to be delivered the day preceeding</li> <li>— That the expendor make his accountt in Hillarie terme evry yeare or oftener if thereunto required by 5 or more of the Adventurers or Participants, and pay such money as is in his handes, as 5 or more of the Adventurers and Participants shall order at theire generall meetinge</li> </ul> |
| 08/03/50 | 6 | <p>Ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Clapthorne, Lieutenantt Colonell Underwood and Mr Burton meete on Satterdaie the 15th of March instant at Wisbich, and if there bee a necessity to imploy workemen, to agree with them at as easie rates as they may, whereby the workes of dreyninge may be husbanded for the best advantage of the Companie untill the generall meetinge at Wisbich or that further order bee made for the</p>   |

settling the same

- 08/03/50      7      **[Page 25]** Ordered that the clarke send to Mr Burton of Spalding a copie of the order of 27th of February last, whereby hee is chosen overseer of the workes and with all to desire him, if hee accepts the place, to meete Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Clapthorne and Lieutenantt Colonell Underwood at Wisbich on Satterdaie the 15th March instant, or otherwise to desire his answer on the behalfe of the Company
- 08/03/50      8      Ordered that the treasurer paie unto Sir Cornelius Vermuyden the £300 accordinge to the contract of the Companie
- 08/03/50      9      Ordered that the treasurer retorne monies to the expendor in such manner as that there bee allwaies a cash remayning in his handes, not exceeding too thousand poundes, and the expendors receipt or bill of exchange shall bee a sufficient discharge to the treasurer for the moneyes so returned
- 08/03/50      10      *George Gascoigne gent in the County of Rutland desires that hee may have notice sent him by Oacome or Uppingham carrier at the usell in Smithfield, whoe comes to towne on Saterdayes and goes on Mondayes*
- Robert Wingfield Esqr of Grayes Inne his chamber is the furthest grownd chamber but twoe in Ellisses buildinge in Cony Court*
- In the Country at Easton nere Whickham Markett in Suffolk leave notice with Mr Henry Hulsey at Mr Farmers office in Simonde Inne in Chancery Lane or at his howse over against Three Legge Alley and the swan taverne in Fetter Lane*
- John Latch Esqr at their howse in the Strand next the Savoy Thomas Jenyns*
- John Maynstone then at Mr Bedles the bookeseller nere Temple Barre*
- Thomas Thyme at his house at the further end of Lincolnes Inne fielde nere Queenes Street*
- Sir Edward Partherich to have notice at his howse in Pettyfrance*
- The Earle of Bedford at his house in Covent Garden*
- The Lord Chief Justice St John at his chamber in Lincolns Inne*
- Sir Miles Sandys desires notice may be lefte with the clarke or his deputies*
- Richard Gorges Esqr at his lodging at the Feathers, a barber nere the Three Tunns taverne at Charring Crosse*
- William Underwood, Robert Lawrence and Charles Parsons at Mr Longes Brent house in Auntchett Fryers London*
- Robert Castell Esqr at Mr John Seeds an oyleman at the Corner Shopp in the poultry next the Storke*
- James Ingram Esqr at Mr Shalcrosses, the scrivener, nere Temple Barre in Fleet Street*
- John Carill Esqr at his house nere Major Generall Brownes in the White Fryers*



*John Williams gent at his chamber in Cliffords Inne or Mr Hicke his house at the Golden Key upon Ludgate Hill*

*Sir Gilbert Gerrard at his house in Little Armery in Westminster*

*Anthony Hamond Esqr at Sir Thomas Thymes house in Lincolns Inne fields*

*Mr Lukins at his chamber nere the Temple Church in the Inner temple or at Mr Whinch his house a leatherseller upon Ludgate Hill*

*Mr Doctor Bates in Great Bartholomews*

*Richard Bate in Bread Streete nere Cheapside*

*Fabian Phillips over against Lincolne Inne walle in Chancery Street*

*John Holland merchant in Aldergate Streete*

*Mr Browne at his chamber in Lincolns Inne*

*Mr Marshall at his howse in Blacke Fryers*

*Mr Castell at Castell Hatley in Cambridgeshire*

*Sydenham Lukins at his chamber in Church Yard Court the Middle Temple*

*Robert Gale merchant in Lamb Streete*

*Edmund Page in the Poultry*

*Peter Maylor in the Upper Bench office*

*Alexander Jones in Walbrooke merchant*

*Mr William Woodward at Mr Robert Maynes a scrivener in Friday Streete*

09/03/50	1	Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Patheriche, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Robert Henley Esqr, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Ingram, Mr Dereham, Mr Carrill, Mr Jenyns, Mr Lukins
09/03/50	2	Ordered that all deedes of sale of defaulters landes beare date the same day that the land comprized therein was sold and that the person or persons who shall buy or contract for the same or such as hee or they shall nominate to be entered in the clarkes booke shall bee partie or parties to the deed. And that the treasurer bee the first that seale the same. And the clarke is to enter noe assurance in the booke of entries untill the treasurer have sealed the same or that the clarke see an acquittance or receive a certificate from the treasurer that the mony is paid and upon the sealing of the assurances accordinge to the Acte the purchasors name is to be put in the tax roll.
13/03/50	1	Earle of Bedford, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Robert Henley Esqr, Mr Latch, Mr Ingram, Mr Trafford, Mr Jenyns
13/03/50	2	Ordered that all contractors or purchasors of defaulters landes shall nominate and deliver to the clarke of the Company the name or names of such person or persons to whome the conveyance of landes soe contracted for or purchased, shall bee made to bee entered in the booke of orders, and it is further ordered that all defaulters landes so

contracted for or purchased, shall be accordingly conveyed and assured to the person or persons so nominated and nomination is eyther to bee expressed in the conveyance or else to be endorsed on the backside thereof as a memorand

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| 14/03/50 | 1 | Earle of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Gorges, Mr Jones, Mr Latch, Doctor Bate, Mr Trafford, Mr Jenyns, Mr Bradley  |
| 14/03/50 | 2 | Memorand that according to an order of the 13th March instant Robert Castell Esqr hath nominated Robert Gale of London merchant and Edmund Page of London haberdasher and delivered their names to the clarke of the Companie to the intent that the one thousand acres which hee purchased in the 6th lott, late belonging to Mr William Tyrningham, may bee conveyed unto them viz - to each of them five hundred acres.  |
| 16/03/50 | 1 | <b>[Page 26]</b> Robert Henley Esqr, Mr Gorges, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Jenyns, Mr Bradley  |
| 16/03/50 | 2 | Ordered that the clarke hence forward enter no deede of sale by any perticuler Adventurer of his owne land untill the same be authorized by the partie or parties that sealed the same, unles it bee by order from the Company. And that the partie that makes such deed appeare by the tax roll to have as great a quantity at least as is conteyned in such deed of sale. And that the said deed comprehendeth by such deed doth lye, and as soone as any such deed is entered to make some memorand upon the tax roll against every perticuler lott wherein it lyeth of the quantity of land sold and to whome |
| 16/03/50 | 3 | Ordered by the consent of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden knight and William Wakefield of London merchant that the deed of sale of 400 acres from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to the said William Wakefield dated the 6th of Aprill 1649 and entered in the booke of entries bee vacated and that a new deed bee made of 200 acres in the first lott from the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to the said Mr Wakefield   |
| 16/03/50 | 4 | For as much as Marke Bradley gent hath paid the taxes of 2s 6d per acre imposed the 11th June last for 433 acres and 1 in the 8th lott whereas hee ought to have paid but for 300 acres, it is ordered that the treasurer restore to Mr Bradley the monies by him overpaid  |
| 16/03/50 | 5 | Ordered that Mr Latham bee sent unto that sometyme in Easter terme next hee make it appeare to the Companie what right hee claymes 100 acres in the 8th lott which Mr Bradley also claymed under Doctor Sames in regard Mr Latham paid not £220 according to his deed dated the first of June 1636  |
| 16/03/50 | 6 | According to an order of the 13th of March instant, Doctor Bate hath nominated Fabian Phillips of the Middle Temple London Esqr and Richard Bate of London haberdasher and delivered their names to the clarke of the Companie to bee entered to the intent that 250 acres parte of the 1000 acres which hee purchased in the 8th lott, late belonging to Doctor Sams, may bee conveyed to the said Fabian Phillips and that 500 acres thereof may bee conveyed to the said Richard Bate.   |
| 16/03/50 | 7 | According to and order of the 13th of March instant, Alexander Jones, merchant, hath nominated John Jones of Harcott in the County of Oxfordshire, clarke, and delivered his name to the clarke of the Company to bee entered to the intent that the 100 acres in the 8th lott which hee contracted for may bee conveyed to the said John Jones and his heires accordingly  |

25/03/50	1	Sir Miles Sandys, Robert Henley Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, Marke Bradley gent
25/03/50	2	A question beinge made whether Mr Henley had relinquished his bargaine unto Mr Edward Russell and whether an order touching the same was entered into the booke of the Companie, Mr Henley doth now declare that, if there be one such entered, hee doth relinquish his said bargaine and the said Edward Russell contynues an Adventurer upon his owne tithe
25/03/50	3	The Companie according to former order adjourne to meete at Wisbich on Tuesdaie next being the 26th of March instant.
27/03/50	1	<b>[Page 27]</b> Wisbich  Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Mr Edward Russell, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Castell, Mr Ingram, Mr Dodson, Mr Lukins
27/03/50	2	Ordered that consideration bee taken in the afternoone how all fundamentall orders of concernment made or to bee made by the Company may so contynue in force as no subsequent order shall bee repugnant there unto
28/03/50	1	Wisbich  Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Mr Edward Russell, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Castell, Mr Marsham, Mr Ingram, Mr Trafford, Mr Dodson, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Lukins
28/03/50	2	Whereas orders formerly made upon long debate and mature deliberation for the speedie and effectuall carrying on of the works of dreyninge and, otherwise, in relation there unto, have byn by subsequent orders altered, revoked, suspended or some waies impeached whereby the workes have not onely byn retarded to the prejudice and losse of the Company but their whole proceedinges rendered doubtfull and uncertaine to the endangering of the very being of the Company, for the prevention whereof in tyme to come it is unanimously agreed, ordered and assented unto that all orders hereafter made whereunto this ensuinge clause shall be added viz - this order not to be altered, revoked, suspended or impeached but by so many of the Adventurers and Participants as are owners of 55000 acres parcell of the 95000 acres at the least, that then every such order shall contynue, stand good and bee effectuall to all intents and purposes untill the same shall bee revoked altered or suspended by so many of the said Adventurers and Participants as are or shall bee owners of 55000 acres parcell of the said 95000 acres. And the Adventurers and Participants doe by subscribinge their names binde themselves
28/03/50	3	Whereas by an order made upon the sale of the parcell of the 15000 acres not divided into lott and the conveyance in pursuance thereof the purchasors are to paie their first payment upon the 28th day next after £10000 paid in by the Adventurers and Participants to their treasurer for the tyme being towards the work of dreyning and such notice thereof given as in the said order is expressed and soe every other payment upon every 28th day next following, the said 28th day untill the whole purchase money be paid and whereas the intent of the said order and conveyance was that the said £10000 soe be paid in to the said treasurers, as aforesaid, was not only to bee paid in before the said first payment of the said purchase money should begin, but all or great part thereof expended and laid out in and upon the work of dreyning and whereas notice was given to the said purchasor upon the 7th day of this instant March that the said £10000 was paid in to the said treasurer and yet to this day noe parte thereof is laid out upon the

said worke of dreyning, it is now thought fitt and ordered that the said purchasor shall have further tyme for the payment of all their severall payments - viz - their first payment to be made upon the 28th day next after such dayes and tymes as the same ought to have bene paid by the said conveyance and so every other successive payment to be made accordingly viz - upon evrie 28th day next followinge, the said last mentioned 28th day and the Adventurers and **[Page 28]** Participants shall and will at any time upon request of the said purchasors make new conveyances of the said lands so sold, as aforesaid, upon condition for the payment of the purchase money according to such dayes and tymes as are hereby agreed upon without any other alteration

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The Adventurers here present upon the place, taking into consideration what worke are necessary to be done this sumer for the dreyning all that parte of the levell that lyes betweene the Rivers of Bedford and Welland and therein advising with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden their director, doe thinke fitt and order that the worke herein aftermentioned bee presently begun and proceeded in, that is to say

- The north banke of Bedford river, indikes and all other worke of dreyning from Erith to Salters lode.
- The rivers bank, indikes and all other worke of dreyning whatsoever for the bringing of the River Neane from Peterborough to Wisbich and from thence to this outfall.
- The making and repairing of Burrough Banke and of all the indikes and other worke of dreyning from Peakirke to Crowland and from thence to the banke of Portland for the excluding the River Welland and further effecting of the said work of dreyning
- That a sluice about 3 foote square be sett upon the northe banke of Bedford River neare about the West Water for the release of the Countrie with water in the tyme of drought.
- That a double sluice of about 16 foote wide be sett on the north banke of Bedford river nere Welney to issue out the downefall soe to be made that noe boates may have passage through it.
- The repairing of the sasse upon Well Creeke at Salters Lode
- The reparation of the sasse at Stanground
- A double sluice of about 16 foote wide to be sett in a convenient place to issue the downefall of plantwater and Bevills Leame and other parts thereabouts into the river of Wisbich, the same to be made that noe boates may have passage through it
- An overtoe nere about Bevills Leame for navigation and boatage
- An overtoe below Wisbech on Elme Leame on the little river for boatage
- An overtoe upon Bull dike nerre Peterborough
- A sluice of about 3 foote wide nere about Peterborough for relieving the Countrie water on that side and another upon Whittlesey dike betweene Whittlesey and Thorney
- An overtoe at Guyhurne on the north side of the river for navigation to and from

- An overtoe at Crowland for navigation
- The enlarging and amending the sluice at Clowes Crosse for issuing the downfall through the Sheire drayne and to open the Sheire dreyne if neede be
- And also that indreyne be made in convenient places for carrying the downefall and other waters to their severall receptacles and outfalls

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5 This order not to be altered, revoked, suspended or impeached but by soe many of the Adventurers and Participants as are or shalbe owners of 55000 acres parcell of the 95000 acres

1 That the principall overseer shall lett out all the worke and make contractes with the severall persons that undertake the same in writing according to such instructions as hee shall receive from the director which hee shall enter in a booke to be kept by him, and shall deliver one copie of the contract to the overseer of such worke, whoe is to be resident on the worke to see the same performed, another to the expeditor and another to the clarke comptroller whoe is to enter the said contract in a booke and in enie such contracte it is to be perticularly and distinctly expressed where such worke soe contracted for to be done lies

**[Page 29]** 2 That upon every pay day the under-overseer shall certifie in writing under his hand howe much of the worke is done and howe much such workemen is to receive and shall deliver a copie, or copies, thereof to the principall overseer and another to the expeditor whereupon the expeditor may make payment thereof and then the principall overseer shall certifie to the said clarke what money is so paid and for what by the expeditor which are by him to be entred

3 That upon finishing of any worke, the under-overseer shall certifie to the said principall overseer and expeditor in writing that the same is done accordinge to the contract and, thereupon, the expendiitor may make payment of the money and then the said principall overseer shall give unto the said clerke a copie of the said certificate which hee is to enter in his booke

4 That the under surveyour, hereafter nominated, shall by the direction and appointment of the directors lay out and measure the severall workes and cause the same to be lockspitted and shall, after severall contractes to be made by the principall overseer and finished the worke, or any part thereof, and before the expeditor payes the salaries, either to the principall or under-overseers, survey and measure the worke to see if the same is done according to the appointment of the said director and upon the certificate that the same is done accordingly, the said expeditor shall pay unto the principall overseer and under overseer respectively their severall salary and in case the said principall overseer hath not pursued his directions in makeing contract or if the under overseer shall certifie the worke done according to the contract when it is not, that then, in case of any sure default in either or any of the said persons, the said surveyour shall certifie the same to the expeditor to the end that the salary of him or them that soe offend may be respited untill satisfaction given to the director, expeditor and surveyour or any two of them and in case it shall appeare that the same was done deceitfully, that then hee or they soe offending shall forfeite his place and salary then due. And the said surveyour in case of certfying that the worke is done shall send a duplicate of this certificate to the said clerke.

5 That the director of the worke doe from tyme to tyme sett out this worke in writing

and one copie thereof deliver to the surveyour, another to the overseer and a third to the said clerke that keepes the controlle, whoe once every month to send upp a copie thereof to the Company to be lefte at the howse of Mr Henley nere Temple Barr.

6 That the principall overseer shall treat with any person or persons for the purchasing of such land as shall be requisite to be bought for the carrying on of the work of dreyning and to contract for the same at such rates and prices and for such estate and estates as hee can agree for, provided that such contract shall not be of force and binding unto the Company unlesse the same be confirmed by William Fisher of Wisbich Esqr, Mr Clapthorne Surveyor Generall, the said expendor and the said other surveyours, John Turner of Eyebery gent and Captain Best of Downeham or three of them under their hande and sealed, which trouble the Company desires them to take upon them which they hold themselves obliged to requite. And upon every such contract made, the said principall overseer shall enter the same in this booke then make a true copie thereof with the said clerke, whoe shall enter the same in his booke, and shall leave the originall with the expendor whoe shall pay such some or somes of money as shalbe therein agreed upon to such person or persons to whome the same shalbe due

7 That the principall overseer shall from tyme to tyme take care to provide tymber, wheele barrowes and other materials requisite for the said worke, such as the said director, surveyour generall and expendor or twoe of them shall appoint which the said expendor is to pay for according to such rates and prices as shall be certified to him by the said principall overseer under his hande and under the hand of the said undersurveyour which certificate is to be carryed to the clerke of the comptroll to be by him entered in his booke

**[Page 30]** 8 The expendor is hereby authorised to pay all such sume or sumes of money as by the certificates of the said principall and under-overseers, as aforesaid, or by the contractor for lande, worke or materials, shall be certified to be done in such manner and forme as is before in the instructions specified and appointed and such certificate and contracte and the acquittance of such person or persons as shall receive any some or somes of money, thereupon, shall be sufficient discharge

9 That Mr Palmer shalbe undersurveyor to be employed in the busines aforesaid and in such other as hee shalbe appointed by the Company and shall have for his salary a 100 markes per annum to be paid quarterly.

10 That William Lake be clarke controller for the purposes therein before expressed, and for such other thinge as the said office of comptrollment shall require, and for his sallary hee shall have £80 per annum to be paid unto him quarterly.

11 That Mr Robert Burton shalbe principall overseer of all the said worke of dreyning, to lett out all the worke of dreyning and to make contract thereupon and to doe all other thinge which hee is appointed to doe by these intructions and for his sallary he shall have £100 per annum to be paid quarterly.

12 And that John Danyell of Spalding be one of the under overseers of the worke and shall have 20s per weeke.

13 That the director, surveyour generall and expendor doe from tyme name such, and so many other under-overseers to be employed in the said worke of dreyning, as they in their discretion shall thinke fitt and to lessen and increase their number as the worke requires and enie one of them shall have 20s per weeke to be paid to them quarterly during their employment.

14 That the expendor doe from tyme to tyme pay unto the severall officers employed by the Adventurers their severall and respective salarries at the dayes and tymes appointed to be paid under such cautions and limittations as are before therein expressed and the receipt of the said severall respective officers shalbe this sufficient discharge

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| 28/03/50 | 6  | The Company haveinge resolved to put all the worke to be done between the twoe rivers of Bedford and Welland into hand at once, a very great some of money for buying land and materialls and paying workmen will be forthwith required to be had here in the Countrie, the Companie therefore doe hereby order that Robert Henley Esqr, their treasurer, doe upon sight pay all such bills of exchange as shalbe charged upon him by Lieutenantt Colonell Underwood, their expendor, notwithstanding any former order to the contrary thereof theretofore made.   |
| 28/03/50 | 7  | Whereas there appears to bee £81.19.08 due to Mr Castell which hee is in surplusage, upon his accompt delivered into the Companie at Mr Henleys howse nere Temple Barre, and whereas there is fortie five poundes of the Companyes monies remayning in the handes of Mr John Symones of Lynne, merchant, it is now ordered that the same bee by him forthwith paid to Mr Castell in part of payment of the said some of £81.19.08 due to him as aforesaid. And whereas there is £100 paid to Mr William Wormell for the use of Mr Doubtie Wormell upon account for the deales, which hee delivered to Mr John Marshall for the use of the Company, it is ordered that what remaynes of the £100 (the deales being paid for) shall also bee paid to the said Mr Castell. And the the residue of the said some of £81.19.08 bee paid by Lieutenantt Colonell Underwood expendor to the Company |
| 28/03/50 | 8  | The Company having thought fitt to imploy William Palmer their deputy clarke in the Countrie, doe hereby order that hee speedily send by some safe hand all such books, papers, mappes and other writing concerning them which hee lately brought from London, or are in his custody, to John Hopkinson at Mr Henleys house nere Temple Barre with directions to him to keepe them in safety and to attend the Company at their meetinge, therewith, untill Mr George Smith clarke to the Company shall returne to London or further order be by them given therein.   |
| 28/03/50 | 9  | Whereas severall persons clayming an interest in certaine landes in Waldersey have made their addresse to the Company desiring satisfaction for such of their grownde as are to be made use of by the Adventurers for the work of dreyning, the Company have ordered that satisfaction shall be made unto them by such persons as are or shall be appointed to contract for the same, or in case they cannot agree the Company doe resolve to give such satisfaction as shallbe ordered by the Commisioners appointed by the Act of Parliament. And they doe further order that the bankes that are to be made upon the lande in Waldersey shall bee made soe substantiall as that the residue of the said lande shall receive noe prejudice thereby   |
| 28/03/50 | 10 | Mr Castell acquainted the company that there is money owing for wheelebarrowes furnished in sumer last, and thereupon it is ordered that Mr Fisher be desired with the expenditors and comptroller to audite the accounts of them and to speake with the persons that contracted for them and those that received them for the Companyes use, and the expendor is to make payment of what shall appeare upon a true account to be owing for them.  |
| 28/03/50 | 11 | Ordered that Mr Maskue bringe his accompts to the Companie at London the beginninge of the next terme  |

28/03/50	12	Ordered that it be taken in consideration by the Company at London what recompence shalbe given to Leiftenant Colonell Dodson for the service hee did the Company in the worke sumer last
28/03/50	13	Whereas Robert Pinchbacke demandes an allowance for his attendance on the sluces and looking to the materialls at the rate of 1s a weeke for 22 weekes from the 25th October 1649 to the 27th of March following, amounting to £11 and also for workemens wages amounting to £3.16.10, whereof hee hath received £2, it is ordered that the expeditor pay unto him £5, which the Company are content to allowe him in full of the said demands of £11, and the expeditor is also ordered to discharge the residue of the said £3.16.10 due to the said workemen.
11/04/50	1	Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Sir Mlies Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Bradley, Mr Browne
11/04/50	2	Ordered that the order of the 11th of June last, whereby the tax of 2s 6d per acre was imposed upon the 95000 acres and the order of the 28th of January last whereby the tax of 8s 9d per acre was sett and imposed upon the said 95000 acres, and all orders now in force, heretofore made for sale of defaulters landes, bee observed and put in due execution. Accordinge to the purpose of the said orders and the order of the 14th of February last and this order nor any of the said <b>[Page 31]</b> orders to bee altered revoked suspended or impeached but by so many of the Adventurers and Participants as are owners of 55000 acres parcell of the 95000 acres at the least.
11/04/50	3	Ordered that the order made at Wisbich 28th day of March last is now confirmed, with this addition that the clause therein mentioned for not altering, revoking, suspending and impeaching of any former orders shall not bee added to any orders hereafter made by any fewer number of the Adventurers and Participants than so many as are or shall then bee owners of 30000 acres parcell of the 95000 acres att the least.
11/04/50	4	That a letter bee written by the clarke to Mr Lake, clarke comptroller as followeth viz -  I am comanded by the Company to lett you know they expect that, accordinge to an order to that purpose, you forthwith signifie unto them the present state and progres of the workes, in perticular what workes are in hand, how farre they have proceeded and what number of men are imployed, what money us weekley expended on the workes, for purchase of landes or otherwise and such other perticulars concerninge the same as you conceive may tend to their satisfaction and they expect a letter from you every fortnight to this purpose besides the monthely account you are to give to the said Company, according to their order at Wisbech, you are likewise to write what carryers or foote posts goe from Wisbech to London and what their names are and where they journie that so, upon all occasions, letters may be sent accordingly. This being all I have in charge att present doe rest
11/04/50	5	Ordered that a letter bee written to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and the rest of the contractors for landes to bee purchased for the workes that they consider and certifie with all convenient speede to the Company what landes are to bee purchased for the use of the workes this yeare between Peterborough and Guyhurne and of what quantity and value the same will be, as nere at they can guess
20/04/50	1	Earle of Bedford, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Miles Sandys, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Andrew Henley Esqr, John Latch Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Doctor Bate, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Thurloe



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| 20/04/50 | 2 | Ordered that Mr Latch, Andrew Henley, Mr Ingram, Mr Bradley, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Gale and Mr Page or any two of them are desired to examyn and compare the tax roll with the original deedes and evidences enclosed and certifie how they find it agrees with the same and thereupon to perfect the tax roll accordingly and they are desired to make report thereof to the Company on Mondaie next come sennight and that Robert Henley Esqr and Mr Thurloe bee desired to send to the clarke the names of the purchasors of the Kinges lande and the serverall proportions of the land every one hath and in what perticular places the same lyeth        |
| 20/04/50 | 3 | Memorand that a copie of St Ives law bee searched for and produced whereby Sir Thomas Danes may bee better satisfyed touchinge his demands made to the Company  |
| 20/04/50 | 4 | Ordered that in regard Mr Thurloe did declare to the Company that the purchasors of the Kings land will make payment of the purchase money so as the workes shall bee supplied and not stand still, it is ordered that the conveyance of the said landes bee now sealed by the Company upon the same covenants and conditions as the former deed was said, only that the first payment of the said purchase may bee made payable the 2nd daie of May next and the subsequent payments to bee made in tyme accordinge to the order at Wisbich and that the condition for forfeiture (in case of non payment) bee lymitted to 28 daies after every daie of payment. |